In Re:

Application for Exemption from the Electronic
General Order M-356 Public Access Fees by Jialin Wang.

This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by Jialin Wang (the "Applicant") for exemption from the fees imposed by the Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts.

The Court finds, based upon the attached letter from the Applicant, dated July 14, 2008, that the Applicant has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information.

Accordingly, the Applicant shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this Court, to the extent such use is incurred in connection with the project described in the attached letter. The Applicant shall not be exempt from the payment of fees incurred in connection with other uses of the PACER system in this Court.

Additionally, the following limitations apply:

1. This fee exemption applies only to the Applicant, and is valid only for the purposes stated above.
2. This fee exemption applies only to the electronic case files of this Court that are available through the PACER system;
3. By accepting this exemption, the Applicant agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption.
4. This exemption is valid from the date of this order through July 31, 2010.

This exemption may be revoked at the discretion of the Court at any time. A copy of this Order shall be sent to the PACER Service Center.

Dated: New York, New York
August 13, 2008

/s/ Stuart M. Bernstein<br>STUART M. BERNSTEIN<br>Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

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14 July, 2008

Southern District of New York<br>One Bowling Green<br>New York, NY 10004

To Whom It May Concern:
I am a doctoral candidate in financial economics at MIT-Sloan requesting a PACER fee waiver for academic research.

I am writing my dissertation on bankruptcy and the labor market, and I require the use of court documents on the bankruptcy proceedings for a data set of over 700 public corporations. The large number of firms in my dataset and the large number of documents generated in proceedings involving public corporations make the costs of obtaining all of the documents necessary for my research at the usual PACER access fee of $\$ 0.08$ per page prohibitive for me as a student with a limited research budget, and these fees would greatly hinder my ability to conduct thorough and rigorous research. Furthermore, a fee waiver would promote public access to court information as publications resulting from access to these documents would be available to the public and increase public awareness of data availability and promote better understanding of the impact of Chapter 11 on firms and employees.

Per the PACER guidelines (http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov/faq.html\#GP18), a court may exempt persons from the electronic public access fees "in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to such information." Consistent with Judicial Conference policy, courts may exempt individual researchers associated with educational institutions from payment of these fees. I believe that the necessity of obtaining the full set of court documents for several hundred bankruptcy proceedings represents an unreasonable burden for a student conducting dissertation research and that such research will promote public access to court information. I request a fee waiver for the period from July 2008 to July 2010 to ensure adequate time for the completion of my research. If an exemption is granted, I agree not to sell for profit any data obtained from PACER or to share it with any legal professionals or other persons who stand to financially gain from such data.


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## To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Ms. Jialan Wang's motion to obtain a waiver for payment of fees for access to electronic court records via the PACER service center website. I strongly endorse the value of her research pertaining to bankruptcy and employment, and I believe it to be of high value both to the academic community and to the public understanding of the social impacts of bankruptcy.

The standard PACER fees would represent an unreasonable burden as her research requires access to all proceedings of public firms encompassing a large volume of documents. Furthermore, the granting of said waiver would promote public access to information through the production of scholarly research.

Sincerely,


