

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In Re: :  
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Application for Exemption from the Electronic : General Order M-508  
Public Access Fees by W. Mike Schuster, :  
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This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by W. Mike Schuster, a Professor at Oklahoma State University (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 received from W. Mike Schuster dated on December 2, 2016, 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 and application. 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 December 2, 2016 through December 31, 2017.

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  
December 8, 2016

  
CECELIA G. MORRIS  
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge



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December 2, 2016

Chief Judge Cecelia G. Morris  
United States Bankruptcy Court  
Southern District of New York  
One Bowling Green  
Suite 627  
New York, NY 10004-1408

Dear Chief Judge Morris:

I am writing to request an order of exemption from PACER fees for the Bankruptcy Court in the Southern District of New York. I am a professor at Oklahoma State University conducting research in the field of copyright law. My current project will investigate various business aspects of music licensing, and court filings are a significant source of relevant information.

All of my research is made available to the public and is not created for any commercial purpose. I do not use PACER for any purpose other than research. I do not use PACER for the practice of law for clients or for any other fee-generating purpose.

I would therefore like to request a waiver of PACER access fees for academic research through December 31, 2017. I have enclosed a draft general order for your consideration. Please contact me if I can provide a digital copy of the proposed order or if I can provide any additional information: Mike.Schuster@okstate.edu or 405.744.8631.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "W. Mike Schuster". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Professor W. Mike Schuster  
Oklahoma State University