SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	37	
 In Re:	X :	
Application for Exemption from the Electronic Public Access Fees by David Zhang,	: :	General Order M-595
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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by David Zhang (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 on April 13, 2022, 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 April 13, 2022 through April 30, 2024.

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: August 19, 2022 New York, NY

s/ Martin Glenn

MARTIN GLENN
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

## Application for Multi-Court Exemption from the Judicial Conference's Electronic Public Access (EPA) Fees

1.) I am requesting an exemption from fees for public access to electronic case records for the courts selected below:

Courts of Appeal	Bankruptcy Appellate Panels (BAP)		
All Courts of Appeal First Circuit Second Circuit Third Circuit Fourth Circuit Sixth Circuit Sixth Circuit	<ul> <li>☐ Seventh Circuit</li> <li>☐ Eighth Circuit</li> <li>☐ Ninth Circuit</li> <li>☐ Tenth Circuit</li> <li>☐ Eleventh Circuit</li> <li>☐ D.C. Circuit</li> <li>☐ Federal Circuit</li> </ul>	☐ First Circuit - BAP ☐ Sixth Circuit - BAP ☐ Eighth Circuit - BAP ☐ Ninth Circuit - BAP ☐ Tenth Circuit - BAP	
All District Courts			
☐ Alabama Middle	Illinois Northern	☐ Nebraska	☐ Rhode Island
☐ Alabama Northern	☐ Illinois Central	☐ Nevada	South Carolina
Alabama Southern	☐ Illinois Southern	New Hampshire	South Dakota
☐ Alaska	Indiana Northern	☐ New Jersey	☐ Tennessee Eastern
☐ Arizona	☐ Indiana Southern	☐ New Mexico	☐ Tennessee Middle
Arkansas Eastern	☐ Iowa Northern	☐ New York Eastern	☐ Tennessee Western
Arkansas Western	☐ Iowa Southern	☐ New York Northern	Texas Eastern
California Central	☐ Kansas	☐ New York Southern	Texas Northern
California Eastern	Kentucky Eastern	New York Western	Texas Southern
California Northern	Kentucky Western	■ North Carolina Eastern	□ Texas Western
California Southern	Louisiana Eastern	■ North Carolina Middle	Utah
☐ Colorado	Louisiana Middle	■ North Carolina Western	☐ Vermont
☐ Connecticut	Louisiana Western	☐ North Dakota	
☐ Delaware		☐ Northern Mariana Islands	
☐ District of Columbia	☐ Maryland	Ohio Northern	☐ Virginia Western
☐ Florida Middle		Ohio Southern	
☐ Florida Northern		Oklahoma Eastern	■ Washington Western
☐ Florida Southern	Michigan Western	Oklahoma Northern	West Virginia Northern
Georgia Northern		Oklahoma Western	West Virginia Southern
Georgia Middle	Mississippi Northern	☐ Oregon	
Georgia Southern	Mississippi Southern	Pennsylvania Eastern	Wisconsin Western
☐ Guam	☐ Missouri Eastern	Pennsylvania Middle	☐ Wyoming
Hawaii	Missouri Western	Pennsylvania Western	
☐ Idaho	☐ Montana	Puerto Rico	

## **Bankruptcy Courts** All Bankruptcy Courts Rhode Island ☐ Alabama Middle ☐ Illinois Northern Nebraska Alabama Northern Illinois Central Nevada South Carolina Alabama Southern Illinois Southern New Hampshire South Dakota Alaska ☐ Indiana Northern New Jersey Tennessee Eastern ☐ Arizona ☐ Indiana Southern New Mexico Tennessee Middle Tennessee Western Arkansas Eastern lowa Northern New York Eastern Arkansas Western ☐ Iowa Southern New York Northern Texas Eastern California Central New York Southern Texas Northern Kansas California Eastern New York Western ☐ Texas Southern California Northern North Carolina Eastern Texas Western California Southern Louisiana Eastern North Carolina Middle ☐ Utah Colorado Louisiana Middle North Carolina Western Vermont North Dakota Connecticut Louisiana Western ☐ Virgin Islands Northern Mariana Islands ☐ Delaware ☐ Maine Virginia Eastern District of Columbia Maryland Ohio Northern Virginia Western Florida Middle Ohio Southern Massachusetts Washington Eastern ☐ Florida Northern Michigan Eastern Oklahoma Eastern Washington Western ☐ Florida Southern Michigan Western Oklahoma Northern West Virginia Northern Georgia Northern Minnesota Oklahoma Western West Virginia Southern Georgia Middle Mississippi Northern Oregon Wisconsin Eastern Georgia Southern Mississippi Southern Pennsylvania Eastern Wisconsin Western Guam Missouri Eastern Pennsylvania Middle Wyoming Hawaii Missouri Western Pennsylvania Western Idaho Montana Puerto Rico **National Courts** U.S. Court of Federal Claims U.S. Court of Multidistrict Litigation International Trade 2.) I am an individual associated with Rice University 3.) Please summarize why the case information from the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) service is needed and how it will be used. Also, please explain why an exemption from the courts identified is necessary. If you need more space, please provide in an attachment. I am an academic researcher interested in the determinants of judicial decisions in consumer bankruptcy cases. Access to the PACER service is needed in order to obtain information about bankruptcy cases filed, judges, and decisions. A fee exemption is necessary for this research to be feasible as I will need to look at many cases in order to draw conclusions, which would be cost prohibitive with the normal search fees. This research is in the public interest in that consumer bankruptcy is an important social safety net provided by law, and so

understanding how it is implemented in practice is of particular interest.

- 4.) In support of this application, I affirm the following:
  - a) An exemption from the Judicial Conference's EPA Fee is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information.
  - b) That the exemption will be for a definitive period of time: 4/13/2022 4/13/2024

Date

- c) I understand that this fee exemption will apply only to me, will be valid only for the purposes stated above, and will apply only to the electronic case files of the court(s) indicated above that are available through the PACER service.
- d) I agree that any data received through this exemption will not be sold for profit, will not be transferred, will not be used for commercial purposes, and will not be redistributed via the Internet.

**Declaration:** I declare that all the above information is true and understand that a false statement x may result in termination of my exempt access and an assessment of Electronic Public Access usage fees. (The box must be marked or your request will not be considered)

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Please submit your completed, signed request via email to Multi-CourtExemptions@ao.uscourts.gov or by mail to:

Attention: Multi-Court Exemptions Court Programs Division DPS-CSO-PRGD One Columbus Circle, N.E. Washington, DC 20544

<sup>\*\*</sup> Requests sent through the US mail may take up to two weeks to clear security.\*\*