

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

In Re: )  
)  
Application for Exemption from the ) **GENERAL ORDER #2014-5**  
Electronic Public Access Fees by )  
Katherine Waldock, *et al.* )

**ORDER**

This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by Katherine Waldock and her co-authors, Professors Rustom M. Irani and Hanh T. Le (collectively, the “Researchers”), for exemption from the fees imposed by the Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule (the “Fee Schedule”) adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts.

The Court finds that (i) Katherine Waldock is a researcher and doctoral candidate associated with New York University’s Leonard N. Stern School of Business, (ii) Professor Rustom M. Irani is a researcher and professor associated with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and (iii) Professor Hanh T. Le is a researcher and professor associated with the University of Illinois at Chicago. The Court further finds that the Researchers fall within the class of users listed in the Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule as being eligible for a discretionary fee exemption. Additionally, the Researchers have demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information, and the Researchers have shown that their research project is intended for scholarly research, is limited in scope, and is not intended for commercial purposes.

**AND NOW**, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of **August, 2014**, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

(1) The Researchers 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 the course of the Researcher’s research on the role of distressed debt investors in chapter 11 reorganization cases. The Researchers shall not be exempt from the payment of fees incurred in connection with other uses of the PACER system in this Court.

(2) Additionally, the following limitations apply:

- (a) This fee exemption applies only to the Researchers (PACER account “**kw2888**”) and is valid only for the purposes stated above;
- (b) This fee exemption applies only to the electronic case files of this Court that are available through the PACER system;

(c) By accepting this exemption, the Researchers agree not to sell, transfer, redistribute, or use for commercial purposes any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption; and,

(d) This exemption is valid until one year from the date of this Order.

(3) 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JAD', is written over a horizontal line.

JEFFERY A. DELINGER, CHIEF JUDGE **emm**  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT