

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

In re: )  
)  
Application for Exemption from the ) GENERAL ORDER #2015-2  
Electronic Public Access Fees by )  
Prof. Margaret Howard, *et al.* )

**ORDER**

This matter is before the Court upon the application and motion by Professor Margaret Howard and her research collaborators, Professors Richard Hynes and Anne Lawton (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) Professor Margaret Howard is a researcher and member of the faculty of Washington and Lee University School of Law, (ii) Professor Richard Hynes is a researcher and professor with the University of Virginia School of Law, and (iii) Professor Anne Lawton is a researcher and professor with Michigan State University School of Law. 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of *June, 2015*, 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, solely to the extent that such use is incurred in the course of the Researchers’ study of chapter 11 cases filed by individual debtors as set forth in the motion. 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 and is only applicable to PACER account number ending **XXX719** 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) The Researchers shall 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 March 31, 2016, unless terminated earlier by the Court.

(3) This exemption may be revoked at the discretion of the Court at any time. The Clerk shall send a copy of this Order to the PACER Service Center.



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JEFFERY A. DELLER, CHIEF JUDGE  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT