

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

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In re:)
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Application for Exemption from the) Misc. Proc. #21-218
Electronic Public Access Fees)
by Nhan Le)

ORDER

This matter is before the Court upon the request of Nhan Le 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 Nhan Le is a Professor and a Senior Lecturer in Finance at the Australian National University, where he also conducts research in the area of corporate bankruptcy and performance. The Court further finds that Professor Le is within the class of users listed in the *Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule* as being eligible for a discretionary fee exemption. Additionally, Professor Le has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information, and he has shown that the research project is intended for scholarly research, is limited in scope, and is not intended for commercial purposes.

AND NOW, this 24th day of November, **2021**, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. Nhan Le 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 Professor Le's research for his project, which focuses on the effect of bankruptcy on corporate employees. He will hand-collect employee-related rulings for approximately 2,000 large bankrupt firms, including in any appeals. His sample of bankrupt firms include publicly listed firms with more than \$100 million of assets (measured in 1980 dollars). The sample will be obtained from UCLA-LoPucki Bankruptcy Research Database (BRD) and New Generation Company. His sample period will be from 1990-2018. Professor Le 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 Professor Nhan Le, PACER Account No. 5504228, 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. Professor Le shall not 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 November 30, 2022, 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Carlota M. Böhm". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

CARLOTA M. BÖHM, CHIEF JUDGE
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT