

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

In re:)
)
Application for Exemption from the) **Misc. Proc. #22-224**
Electronic Public Access Fees)
by David Zhang)

ORDER

This matter is before the Court upon the request by Mr. David Zhang for an 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 David Zhang is an Assistant Professor at Rice University studying the determinants of judicial decisions in consumer bankruptcy cases. The Court further finds that Mr. Zhang is within the class of users listed in the *Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule* as being eligible for a discretionary fee exemption. Additionally, Mr. Zhang 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 25th day of *August, 2022*, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. David Zhang 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 Mr. Zhang’s research on how bankruptcy judges make decisions in Chapter 13 cases. Mr. Zhang will review dismissal decisions for cases with incomplete filing information and/or late payments. Mr. Zhang 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 Mr. David Zhang, PACER Account No. 7085787, 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. Mr. Zhang 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 April 15, 2024, 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.

FILED
8/25/22 11:40 am
CLERK
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CARLOTA M. BÖHM, CHIEF JUDGE ^{dmk}
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT