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

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In re:

Application for Exemption from the Electronic Public Access Fees by Belisa Ana Pang

Misc. Proc. #22-232

ORDER

This matter is before the Court upon the request by Ms. Belisa Ana Pang 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 Belisa Ana Pang is a J.D. – PhD student and academic researcher at Yale Law School. The Court further finds that Ms. Pang is within the class of users listed in the Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule as being eligible for a discretionary fee exemption. Additionally, Ms. Pang has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information, and she 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 <u>1st</u> day of **December**, 2022, it is hereby ORDERED that:

1. Belisa Ana Pang 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 her research on the obstacles people face during bankruptcy and how burdensome those obstacles are. Ms. Pang will access cases reports from 2013 to the present for Chapter 13 cases with a confirmed plan filed during that period using household size or applicable state median income. Ms. Pang 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 Ms. Belisa Ana Pang, PACER Account No. 6710171, 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. Ms. Pang 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 March 1, 2025, 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.

Dated: December 1, 2022

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Gregory L. Taddonio Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge