

**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. #23-204**  
**Electronic Public Access Fees** : :  
**By Edith Hotchkiss** : :  
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**ORDER**

This matter is before the Court upon the request by Professor Edith Hotchkiss 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 Professor Edith Hotchkiss is a Professor of Finance at Boston College researching the sales of companies in Chapter 11 bankruptcy under Section 363 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and focusing on those that have entered an asset purchase agreement or restructuring support agreement prior to filing. The Court further finds that Professor Edith Hotchkiss is within the class of users listed in the Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule as being eligible for a discretionary fee exemption. Additionally, Professor Hotchkiss 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of *February, 2023*, it is hereby ORDERED that:

1. Professor Edith Hotchkiss 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 investigating the sales of companies in Chapter 11 under Section 363 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and the competitiveness of bidding in Chapter 11 auctions. Professor Hotchkiss will use PACER to collect plan documents and any applicable disclosure statements in these cases. Professor Edith Hotchkiss 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 Edith Hotchkiss, PACER Account No. 5201540, 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 Hotchkiss 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, 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.

Dated: February 27, 2023

  
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GREGORY L. TADDONIO<sup>ako</sup>  
CHIEF UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE