

**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. #23-205**  
**Electronic Public Access Fees** : :  
**By Michelle Miller** : :  
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**ORDER**

This matter is before the Court upon the request by Doctor Michelle Miller 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 Doctor Michelle Miller is an Associate Professor of Economics at Loyola Marymount University researching bankruptcy use by gender. The Court further finds that Doctor Michelle Miller is within the class of users listed in the Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule as being eligible for a discretionary fee exemption. Additionally, Doctor Miller 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of *March, 2023*, it is hereby ORDERED that:

1. Doctor Michelle Miller 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 gender in bankruptcy filings. Doctor Miller will use PACER to collect the names of bankruptcy filers and will then estimate their gender for these cases. She will access cases filed between 2008 and 2022. Doctor Michelle Miller shall not be exempt from the payment of fees incurred in connection with other uses of the PACER system in this Court.

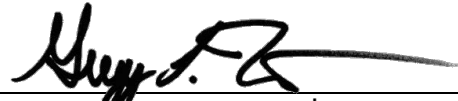
2. Additionally, the following limitations apply:

- a. This fee exemption applies only to Doctor Michelle Miller, PACER Account No. 5681807, 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. Doctor Miller 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 February 28, 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: March 6, 2023



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