

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

**In re:** )  
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**Exemption from the** ) **Misc. Proc. #22-216**  
**Electronic Public Access Fees** )  
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**ORDER**

On January 18, 2022, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania (“Court”) upgraded its Case Management/Electronic Case Filing System (“CM/ECF”) to the Next Generation of CM/ECF (“NextGen”). This upgrade provides users with several benefits including Central Sign-On, which allows e-filing attorneys to use one PACER login and password to access any NextGen court (district, appellate, and bankruptcy) in which they practice. In light of the changes made regarding the NextGen upgrade, it is necessary to provide those entities that were granted PACER exemptions prior to the NextGen upgrade, exemption from PACER fees for the entities’ individual user accounts.

*AND NOW*, this **27th** day of **June**, 2022, it is hereby ***ORDERED*** that:

1. Northwestern Legal Services has an existing PACER exemption pursuant to General Order 2003-5. A copy of General Order 2003-5 is attached hereto as Attachment A.
2. Northwestern Legal Services was exempt from payment of PACER fees prior to the NextGen upgrade, and thus, Northwestern Legal Services users shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER beginning January 1, 2022.
3. The individual users of Northwestern Legal Services shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to electronic case files.
4. Northwestern Legal Services shall provide the Clerk a list of all exempt user accounts.
5. The Clerk shall maintain a list of exempt user accounts on the Court’s website.
6. All exempt entities are required to notify the Clerk immediately if a user’s account no longer qualifies for an exemption.
7. All exempt users are required to certify, at the Clerk’s request, that they have used their exempt account to access only case files for which the exemption applies.
8. This exemption may be revoked at the discretion of the Court at any time.



CARLOTA M. BÖHM, CHIEF JUDGE  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

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# **ATTACHMENT A**

IN RE:

General Order #2003-5

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) Permanent Exemption of Payment of  
) Electric Access Fees for the Northwestern  
) Legal Services of Erie, PA

**ORDER**

AND NOW, this 11th day of August, 2003, upon consideration of the request from Robert A. Oakley, Esq., Executive Director for the Northwestern Legal Services Association, it is hereby ordered that they be granted a permanent exemption from all fees imposed by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts for electronic access to Court records commencing on September 1, 2003

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/s/  
Judith K. Fitzgerald, Chief Bankruptcy Judge

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/s/  
Bernard Markovitz, Bankruptcy Judge

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/s/  
M. Bruce McCullough, Bankruptcy Judge

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/s/  
Joseph L. Cosetti, Bankruptcy Judge

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/s/  
Warren W. Bentz, Bankruptcy Judge