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U.S. Bankruptcy Court
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Steven T. Salata, Clerk
Charlotte Division

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

In Re:)
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PACER Fee Exemption)
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JUDGEMENT ENTERED ON SEP 11 2020

ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF PACER FEES

THIS MATTER is before the Court upon the application and request by Chad Brown for exemption from the fees imposed by the Electronic Public Access fee schedule adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts. The Court finds that Chad Brown is part of a team of professors at the University of Colorado at Boulder that is researching the economic effects of forum shopping in corporate bankruptcy cases. Mr. Brown has already used alternative means to create a database of the cases included in this study, but would like to utilize PACER to fill in some missing information, such as where the bankruptcies were filed versus where the companies had other large assets. Mr. Brown falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Mr. Brown has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, Mr. Brown shall be exempt from the payment of fees

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for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this court. Mr. Brown shall not be exempt from the payment of fees incurred in connection with other uses of the PACER system in this court. Additionally, the following limitations apply:

- I. this fee exemption applies only to Chad Brown, and is valid only for the purposes stated above;
- II. this fee exemption applies only to the electronic case files of this court that are available through the PACER system;
- III. by accepting this exemption, Mr. Brown agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
- IV. Mr. Brown is prohibited from transferring any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption, including redistribution via internet-based databases; and
- V. this exemption is valid until November 30, 2020.

This exemption may be revoked at the discretion of the Court at any time. A copy of this Order shall be sent to the PACER Service Center.

It is so ORDERED.

Date: September 11, 2020



Laura Turner Beyer
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge