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Steven T. Galata, Clerk
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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

In re:)
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 PACER Fee Exemption)
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ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF PACER FEES

THIS MATTER is before the court upon the application and request by Jeyul Yang 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 Jeyul Yang is a Ph.D. candidate in Finance at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He is conducting a research project entitled "The introduction of E-filing and Bankruptcy Behavior." He plans to compare bankruptcy behavior (e.g. the number of bankruptcies in each bankruptcy chapter) before the adoption of e-filing (CM/ECF) with those after the adoption. This research project could establish how debtors change their behavior when they have an easier option to file for bankruptcy. As a result, this project could also contribute to revealing the positive role of PACER and CM/ECF for potential bankruptcy filers, which would be consistent with the interest of U.S. courts and PACER. Mr. Yang plans to

download documents for individual voluntary Chapter 7 petitions for the period July 2002 - June 2003.


Mr. Yang falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Mr. Yang has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, Mr. Yang shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this court. Mr. Yang 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 Jeyul Yang, PACER account number 6262548, 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. Yang agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
- IV. Mr. Yang 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 through June 30, 2021.

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: 1-19-2021



Laura Turner Beyer
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge