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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 OCT 07 2021

ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF PACER FEES

THIS MATTER is before the court upon the application and request by Kristopher Kleiner 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 Kristopher Kleiner is an Assistant Professor of Finance at Indiana University. He is researching how hedge funds influence Chapter 11 corporate bankruptcy outcomes. Mr. Kleiner states that as part of this research project, he will need to collect information on the outcomes of all Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases filed between 2012- 2021.

Mr. Kleiner falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Mr. Kleiner has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information.


Accordingly, Mr. Kleiner shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this court. Mr. Kleiner 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 Kristopher Kleiner, PACER account number 5624587, 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. Kleiner agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
- IV. Mr. Kleiner 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 December 31, 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: 10-7-21


Laura Turner Beyer
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Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge