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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
Steven T. Salata, Clerk
Charlotte Division

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 Belisa Pang 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 Belisa Pang is a J.D-Ph.D. student and academic researcher at Yale Law School. She is conducting a research project entitled "Children in Bankruptcy." Ms. Pang states that her study will explore the effects of dependent care on bankruptcy outcomes by comparing the discharge rate (and other case characteristics) among single parents living with children, married couples living with children, and non-parents. According to Ms. Pang, her study will shed light on whether an additional child tax credit is necessary for women in bankruptcy to benefit parents with small children facing financial distress. Ms. Pang previously received an exemption from this court until February 19, 2022. Citing the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for more research, Ms. Pang requests a further exemption for three years until March 1, 2025.

Ms. Pang intends to access case files in order to collect the answers to Schedule J Part 1 Question 2 ("Do you have dependents?") for a random sample of 2,000 cases per district. In addition, she requests docket access to trustee assignments between 2016 and 2018; and Chapter 13 plans and asset distribution plans for the sample cases.

Ms. Pang falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Ms. Pang has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, Ms. Pang shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this court. Ms. Pang 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 Belisa Pang, PACER account number 6710171, 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, Ms. Pang agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
- IV. Ms. Pang 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 March 1, 2025.

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: April 5, 2008

Laura Turner Beyer
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Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge