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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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**ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF PACER FEES**

**THIS MATTER** is before the court upon the application and request by Jaejin Lee 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 Jaejin Lee is a doctoral student at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, studying finance. His research project is designed to investigate the impact of high risks in communities (i.e., rates of violent crimes such as homicide or mass shootings) on household bankruptcy decisions. Mr. Lee intends to access approximately 30,000 Chapter 7 cases nationwide from the July 2002 to June 2003 period.

Mr. Lee falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Mr. Lee has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to

avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, Mr. Lee shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this court. Mr. Lee 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 Jaejin Lee, PACER account number 6534775, 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. Lee agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
- IV. Mr. Lee 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 August 31, 2023.

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: June 7, 2020

Laura Turner Beyer  
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Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge