

United States Bankruptcy Court  
for the Western District of North Carolina

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U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Western District of NC  
MAR 04 2013

Re:

PACER Fee Exemption  
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Steven T. Salata, Clerk  
Charlotte Division  
ASW

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

JUDGMENT ENTERED ON MAR 04 2013

This Court recognizes that the United States Congress has given the Judicial Conference of the United States authority to impose user fees for electronic access to case information;


This Court further recognizes that individual courts have the authority to waive user fees for parties that satisfy certain established criteria in order to facilitate access to the Court's PACER electronic case information;

Upon review of the application for a waiver of PACER fees for Michigan State University College of Law Professor Anne Lawton, this court finds good cause to exempt Anne Lawton, Associate Professor of Law, PACER login ms6605, from payment of fees associated with her use of the PACER system for the period beginning on March 15, 2013, and ending on April 30, 2014. Professor Lawton is conducting ongoing academic research on chapter 11 that requires access to thousands of individual and business chapter 11 cases. The data collected will be used to produce scholarly articles about the plan-confirmation process both before and after the passage of BAPCPA. A fee waiver would promote public access to court information, as publications resulting from access to such information would be available to the public, thereby increasing public knowledge and promoting better understanding of the bankruptcy system and the process of plan confirmation under chapter 11.

It is so ORDERED.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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The Honorable Laura T. Beyer, Chief Judge

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