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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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JUDGE ENTERED ON MAY 28 2015

ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF PACER FEES

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 Washington and Lee University School of Law Professor Margaret Howard, this Court again finds good cause to exempt Margaret Howard, Law Alumni Association Professor of Law, PACER login w11719, from payment of fees associated with her use of the PACER system for the period beginning on May 28, 2015, and ending on March 31, 2016, unless revoked by this court. Professor Howard is conducting ongoing academic research on

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Chapter 11 that requires access to Chapter 11 cases filed by individual debtors. The data collected will be used to produce findings and recommendations that can be used to inform policy decisions and reforms with a view toward improving judicial administration of individual bankruptcy cases and proceedings. 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;

No information, reports, documents, or other data obtained using a fee exempt PACER account will be sold for profit or otherwise exchanged or transferred for value.

It is so ORDERED.

Date: 5-28-15


The Honorable Laura T. Beyer,
Chief Judge