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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 SEP 20 2021

ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF PACER FEES

THIS MATTER is before the court upon the application and request by Marcus Polite 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 Marcus Polite is an economics graduate student at the University of Missouri. He is studying the probability of retired National Football League (NFL) players filing for bankruptcy. Mr. Polite states that he has narrowed the scope of his request to searching in the "party name" field for 808 retired NFL players' names in the bankruptcy courts' databases. When a case involving a player is identified, he will access the docket for that case. Mr. Polite hopes to shed light on the question of whether NFL players should have financial literacy training before and after their football careers are completed.

Mr. Polite falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Mr. Polite has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, Mr. Polite shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this court. Mr. Polite 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 Marcus Polite, PACER account number 6872987, 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. Polite agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
- IV. Mr. Polite 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 1, 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: September 20, 2001

Laura Turner Beyer
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Chief United States
Bankruptcy Judge