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Steven T. Salata, Clerk
Charlotte Division/CCH

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 Dr. Ariel Rava 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 Dr. Rava is a research fellow at Harvard Law School. She is researching whether the political ideologies of judges have an impact on their propensity to grant or deny specific motions within bankruptcy processes. In support of her project, Dr. Rava requires cases from all bankruptcy courts and appellate panels, spanning back to the 1980's, if available on PACER, because she believes there is an important change in the trend of politically related judgments that occurred prior to 2000.

Dr. Rava falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Dr. Rava has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, Dr. Rava shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this court. Dr. Rava 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 Dr. Ariel Rava, PACER account number 7542921, 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, Dr. Rava agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
- IV. Dr. Rava 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 June 14, 2024.

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 16, 2023

Laura Turner Beyer
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Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge