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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 Adriel Cardenas 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 Ms. Cardenas is a doctoral candidate at the University of Florida. She is working on a doctoral dissertation which entails data mining for attributes of construction disputes that result in corporate veil piercing. Ms. Cardenas states that the information needed is unavailable under traditional legal databases such as Westlaw, Lexis Nexis, or Bloomberg Law. This requires that she have direct access to 200-300 bankruptcy cases.

Ms. Cardenas falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Ms. Cardenas has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, Ms. Cardenas shall be exempt from

the payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this court. Ms. Cardenas 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 Adriel Cardenas, PACER account number 7615502, 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, Ms. Cardenas agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
- IV. Ms. Cardenas 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 31, 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: August 10, 2023

Laura Turner Beyer
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Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge