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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

Steven T. Salata, Clerk
Charlotte Division

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 Edith Hotchkiss 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 Edith Hotchkiss is a professor of finance with Boston College. She is researching the reorganization of small businesses under Subchapter V of Chapter 11 with the goal of reviewing an estimated 5100 cases. Professor Hotchkiss is also continuing research into the sale of companies in Chapter 11 under Section 363 of the U.S Bankruptcy code with a goal of reviewing 500 cases.

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


PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this court. Professor Hotchkiss 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 Professor Edith Hotchkiss, PACER account number 5201540, 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, Professor Hotchkiss agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
- IV. Professor Hotchkiss 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 February 8, 2025.

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: 2-12-2024



Laura Turner Beyer
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge