

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

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U.S. Bankruptcy Court, NCW

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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 Jason Lee 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 Mr. Lee is a doctoral student at the University of Southern California. His research focuses on how the IRS responds to public firms' Chapter 11 bankruptcy filings. Mr. Lee plans to review approximately 500 cases filed between 2000 and 2024, with an estimated total of about 10,000 proof of claim (410) forms (approximately 20 claims per case) in PACER.

Mr. Lee falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Mr. Lee has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, Mr. Lee shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this court. Mr. Lee shall not be exempt from the payment of fees

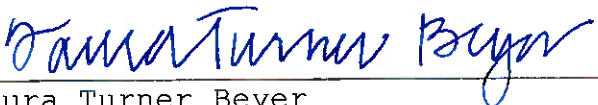
incurred in connection with other uses of the PACER system in this court. Additionally, the following limitations apply:

- I. this fee exemption applies only to Jason Lee, PACER account number 7966882, 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. Lee agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
- IV. Mr. Lee 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 August 31, 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: May 15, 2024

  
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Laura Turner Beyer  
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge