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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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JUDGMENT ENTERED ON OCT 26 2021

**ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF PACER FEES**

**THIS MATTER** is before the court upon the application and request by Qianyang Zhang 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 Qianyang Zhang is PhD candidate in economics at Columbia University. She is studying the spillover effects of retail bankruptcies (Chapter 7 and Chapter 11) on other existing competitor's and new entrant's innovation activities and quality upgrading of products and services. In addition, Ms. Zhang will study the welfare gain or loss for consumers and other firms resulting from different types of retail bankruptcies.

Ms. Zhang falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Ms. Zhang has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary to avoid

unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, Ms. Zhang shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this court. Ms. Zhang 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 Qianyang Zhang, PACER account number 6912681, 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. Zhang agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
- IV. Ms. Zhang 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 October 1, 2023.

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: October 26, 2021

Laura Turner Beyer  
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Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge