

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

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U.S. Bankruptcy Court, NCW

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In re:)
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PACER Fee Exemption)
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Steven T. Salata, Clerk
Charlotte Division

ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF PACER FEES

THIS MATTER is before the court upon the application and request by Jared Ellias 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 Jared Ellias is a Professor of Law at Harvard Law School. He is conducting empirical research on corporate bankruptcy. His research team is using new methods of analyzing text to understand the ways that non-creditor stakeholders, like employees, affect bankruptcy decision-making.

In particular, Professor Ellias' team wants to study the ways that debtors and creditor groups strategically make job protection arguments as a way of advancing their position in the case. They are also interested in the circumstances surrounding discussion of the firm as a "melting ice cube" and how often motions to expedite and ignore deadlines from the Bankruptcy Rules are made, and under what conditions they are granted. Professor Ellias' team requires access to large Chapter 11 cases or "mega cases" in order to further their research.

Professor Ellias falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Professor Ellias has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote

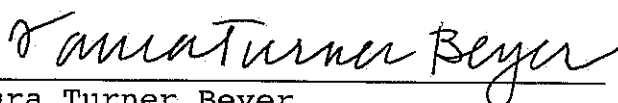
public access to information. Accordingly, Professor Jared Ellias shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this court. Professor Ellias shall not be exempt from the payment of fees incurred in connection with other uses of the PACER system in this court. Additionally, the following limitations apply:

- I. this fee exemption applies only to Professor Jared Ellias, PACER account number 7272168, 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 Ellias agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
- IV. Professor Ellias 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, 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: 12-1-2002



Laura Turner Beyer
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge