

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

MAR 25 2024

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 Fabian Nagel 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 Fabian Nagel is a doctoral student at the University of Chicago studying consumer bankruptcies. In particular, he is researching the efficacy of consumer bankruptcy audits introduced in Paragraph 603 of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act (BAPCPA) of 2005. Mr. Nagel requires access to 15,000 petitions (about several hundred dockets and audit opinions per each bankruptcy court). He has previously applied for exemption for the same research design and is seeking an extension.

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

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information. Accordingly, Mr. Nagel shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this court. Mr. Nagel 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 Fabian Nagel, PACER account number 6921364, 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. Nagel agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
- IV. Mr. Nagel 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 June 30, 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: 3-25-2024



Laura Turner Beyer
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge