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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 Matthew Bruckner 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. Bruckner is an associate professor at the Howard University School of Law. His research focuses on evaluating the claims by DOJ that using a new process for discharging student loans via the Bankruptcy Code is yielding results for eligible applicants. Professor Bruckner plans to review a total of approximately 3,000 documents from 758 cases (approximately four documents per case) in PACER.

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


the electronic case files maintained in this court. Professor Bruckner 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 Matthew Bruckner, PACER account number 4480870, 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 Bruckner agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
- IV. Professor Bruckner 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, 2024.

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: 1-29-24



Laura Turner Beyer
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge