

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

APR - 8 2024

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 Prateek Mahajan 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 Prateek Mahajan is a PhD student in finance at the University of Texas at Austin. He is currently doing research on the effects of the means tests introduced by the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 on household economic outcomes including home ownership, business formation, and foreclosures. In order to complete this research, Mr. Mahajan will require data from Bankruptcy forms 122A and 122C and intends to pull data from 1,000 cases in each district.

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

payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this court. Mr. Mahajan 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 Prateek Mahajan, PACER account number 7915907, 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. Mahajan agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
- IV. Mr. Mahajan 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: April 8, 2024

Laura Turner Beyer
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Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge