

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

JUN 26 2024

Christine F. Winchester, 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 Zihan Ye 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. Ye is an assistant professor of Finance at the University of Tennessee. His research focuses on bankruptcies associated with healthcare and its impact and outcomes on society. Professor Ye plans to review a total of 1,271 bankruptcy cases from 62 bankruptcy courts.

Professor Ye falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Professor Ye has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, Professor Ye shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this court. Professor Ye 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 Zihan Ye, PACER account number 8018063, 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 Ye agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
- IV. Professor Ye 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: June 26, 2024

  
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Laura Turner Beyer  
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge