

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM

JUN 26 2024 *ABW*

JEANNE G. QUINATA
CLERK OF COURT

**In Re: Application for Exemption from the
Electronic Public Access Fees for Certain
Researchers**

GENERAL ORDER NO. 24-0008

This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by the following applicants for exemption from the fees imposed by the Electronic Public Access fee schedule adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts:

Applicant/ PACER ID	Description (Purpose) of Research	Exemption Requested Through
Xinjiu Gu, PACER ID: 7943919	Investigating how litigation enforcement impacts corporate disclosures.	May 20, 2025
Dr. Hannah Ringler PACER ID: 7587067	Investigating argumentative strategies used in defamation law suits by using computational text analysis.	December 31, 2024
Jason Lee PACER ID: 7966882	Investigating how IRS responds to firms' chapter 11 bankruptcy filings.	August 31, 2025
Mark Fahim PACER ID: 7954605	Investigating gender-based inequality in small business outcomes.	August 31, 2024
Dr. Nonna Sorokina PACER ID# 7961545	Investigating gender-based inequality in small business outcomes.	August 31, 2024


The Court finds that the applicants listed above each fall within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, each applicant has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, each applicant listed above shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this court, to the extent such use is incurred in the course of the research listed. Each applicant 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:

1. this fee exemption applies only to the specific applicants listed above and is valid only for the purposes stated above;
2. this fee exemption applies only to the electronic case files of this court that are available through the PACER system;

3. by accepting this exemption, each applicant agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
4. each applicant is prohibited from transferring any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption, including redistribution via internet based databases;
5. for each applicant, this exemption is valid until the date requested listed above.

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.

SO ORDERED this 26th day of June, 2024.


FRANCES M. TYDINGCO-GATEWOOD
Chief Judge

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My name is Xinjiu Gu, and I am a second-year PhD student at Hong Kong Baptist University at department AEF(student email: 22482482@life.hkbu.edu.hk). My research focuses on judge assignments and environmental violations. Since the Integrated Data Base (IDB) lacks comprehensive details on each case, such as the assigned judge's name, I need to extract additional information from official dockets. By using the provided docket numbers, I aim to access the necessary details, including the assigned judge's name and jurisdiction, to enhance the depth of my research. To access information about the judges associated with each case, I rely on PACER's search function. With approximately 1,000 cases to review, the cost of accessing each file amounts to hundreds of dollars.

4.) In support of this application, I affirm the following:

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Declaration: I declare that all the above information is true and understand that a false statement ☒ may result in termination of my exempt access and an assessment of Electronic Public Access usage fees. (The box must be marked or your request will not be considered)

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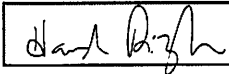
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National Courts

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2.) I am an individual associated with

3.) Please summarize why the case information from the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) service is needed and how it will be used. Also, please explain why an exemption from the courts identified is necessary. If you need more space, please provide in an attachment.

I am hoping to access proofs of claim (Form 410) filed by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases. The scope of the data I need is limited to proofs of claims (Form 410) filed by public firms that filed bankruptcy between 2000 and 2024. The data will likely consist of 20 Form 410 documents (estimated) for approximately 500 cases within this period. The data will be used for accounting research focusing on how IRS responds to firms' Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing.

Due to the high number of public firms that filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy and the number of proofs of claim filed by the IRS, my research budget would not be sufficient to cover the cost, and the exemption from the courts would help with accessing the data without incurring significant expenses.

4.) In support of this application, I affirm the following:

a) An exemption from the Judicial Conference's EPA Fee is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information.

b) That the exemption will be for a definitive period of time: 5/15/2024 - 8/31/2025

c) I understand that this fee exemption will apply only to me, will be valid only for the purposes stated above, and will apply only to the electronic case files of the court(s) indicated above that are available through the PACER service.

d) I agree that any data received through this exemption will not be sold for profit, will not be transferred, will not be used for commercial purposes, and will not be redistributed via the Internet.

Declaration: I declare that all the above information is true and understand that a false statement

☒ may result in termination of my exempt access and an assessment of Electronic Public Access usage fees. (The box must be marked or your request will not be considered)

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**Application for Multi-Court Exemption from the
Judicial Conference's Electronic Public Access (EPA) Fees**

1.) I am requesting an exemption from fees for public access to electronic case records for the courts selected below:

Courts of Appeal

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Bankruptcy Appellate Panels (BAP)

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Bankruptcy Courts

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3.) Please summarize why the case information from the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) service is needed and how it will be used. Also, please explain why an exemption from the courts identified is necessary. If you need more space, please provide in an attachment.

I am writing to formally request access to case information from the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) service for research purposes. My name is Mark Fahim, and I am a graduate student at Penn State University. Currently, I serve as a research assistant on a project led by Dr. Nonna Sorokina, focusing on the Gender Gap in Bankruptcy Filings.

Our research necessitates access to Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 bankruptcy petitions via PACER APIs. We will collect and organize data from bankruptcy petitions to assess gender-based inequality in small business outcomes.

4.) In support of this application, I affirm the following:

- a) An exemption from the Judicial Conference's EPA Fee is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information.
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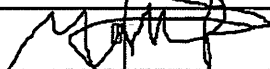
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