

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

In re

GENERAL ORDER 15-01

**GENERAL ORDER GRANTING TEMPORARY EXEMPTION FROM  
ELECTRONIC PUBLIC ACCESS (PACER) FEES**

On this day the Court considered a letter and motion received **May 1, 2015**, from **Professor Margaret Howard of Washington and Lee University School of Law and her Collaborators** requesting exemption from the fees for Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) for the purpose of conducting research regarding bankruptcy filings.

The Court finds that **Professor Margaret Howard of Washington and Lee University School of Law and her Collaborators**, as individual researchers associated with an educational institution, fall within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption and that the defined research project is intended for academic research, and not for commercial purposes or internet redistribution. Additionally, **Professor Margaret Howard of Washington and Lee University School of Law and her Collaborators** have demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that **Professor Margaret Howard of Washington and Lee University School of Law and her Collaborators**, is hereby granted exemption 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 her research, through March 31, 2016, renewable upon request. She shall not be exempt from the payment of fees incurred in connection with other uses of the PACER system in this Court. It is further

ORDERED that the following limitations apply to this fee-exempt PACER account:

The fee exemption is valid only for the purposes stated above;

The fee exemption is non-transferrable and should not be shared outside of the account holder's immediate office staff;

The fee exemption applies only to the electronic case files of this Court that are available through the PACER system;

By accepting the exemption, the account holder agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as result of receiving the exemption;

The account holder is prohibited from transferring any data obtained as the result of receiving the exemption;

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The account holder is responsible for preventing unauthorized use of the login and password;

The account holder must notify the PACER Service Center immediately at 800-676-6856 if they believe there has been unauthorized use of the account;

Account usage may be monitored to ensure that the amount of usage is consistent with this fee exemption; and

The Court may terminate the fee exemption at any time.

The password on the account must be changed at least every 90 days. To change your password, visit the PACER Service Center website at <http://www.pacer.gov/> then click on *Manage My PACER Account*.

ENTERED: MAY 05 2015

  
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RONALD G. PEARSON, JUDGE