

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

In re

GENERAL ORDER 14-03

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

On this day the Court considered a letter received April 7, 2014, from Margaret Howard, Professor of Law at Washington and Lee School of Law, requesting an exemption from the fees for Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) for the purpose of studying Chapter 11 cases filed by individual debtors and conducting research comparing individual Chapter 11 cases to Chapter 13 cases and corporate Chapter 11 cases.

The Court finds that Margaret Howard, as an individual researcher 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 a purpose barred by Judicial Conference policy. Additionally, the individuals have demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burden and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, it is

GENERALLY ORDERED that Professor Margaret Howard of the Washington and Lee University School of Law, 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, for a period of one (1) year, from September 15, 2014, through September 14, 2015, renewable on 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 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 shall not to sell, redistribute or

use for commercial purposes or for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving the exemption;

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

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 the password, visit the PACER Service Center website at <http://www.pacer.gov/> then click on *Manage My PACER Account*.

ENTERED: September 15, 2014



RONALD G. PEARSON, JUDGE