

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In Re: :
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Application for Exemption from the Electronic : General Order M-586
Public Access Fees by Belisa Ana Pang, :
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This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by Belisa Ana Pang (the "Applicant") 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, based upon the attached application dated on February 24, 2022, that the Applicant has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information.

Accordingly, the Applicant 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 connection with the project described in the attached letter and application. The 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 Applicant, 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, the Applicant agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption.
- 4. This exemption is valid from February 19, 2022 through March 1, 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.

Dated: March 24, 2022
New York, NY

/s/Martin Glenn
MARTIN GLENN
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

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I am applying to extend the Multi-Court Exemption approved on March 25, 2021 for three more years. The project is taking longer than expected due to Covid-related hiring restrictions. The original application is attached.

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

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Please submit your completed, signed request via email to Multi-CourtExemptions@ao.uscourts.gov or by mail to:

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Court Programs Division
DPS-CSO-PRGD
One Columbus Circle, N.E.
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I am a J.D.-Ph.D. student and an academic researcher at Yale Law School and I study consumer bankruptcy. I am requesting a fee waiver for my project "Children in Bankruptcy," which analyzes how dependent care affects bankruptcy. In particular, I want to evaluate the adequacy of the current level of exemptions allowed for dependent care, and I anticipate that the results will benefit parents with small children facing financial distress. Specifically, I want to collect the answers to Schedule J Part 1 Question 2 ("Do you have dependents?") for a random sample of 1,000 cases per district court, 94,000 cases in total. An exemption from the courts is necessary to make the project affordable. For each case, I will need the Schedule J attached to the petitions. The data will be used to calculate summary statistics and run regressions, which will quantify the effect of dependent care on bankruptcy outcome. The data will be stored securely with IRB approval.

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