

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

In the Matter of:

Administrative Order
Number 10 - 03

The Administration of the
United States Bankruptcy Court
for the Northern District of New York

**ORDER WAIVING PACER FEES FOR HARVARD LAW SCHOOL
FOR PURPOSES OF ACADEMIC RESEARCH**

This court has reviewed the request of Professor Katherine Porter to have PACER fees waived. Professor Porter wishes to examine bankruptcy data for several academic research projects and is taking on the responsibility of administering Bankruptcy Project research for Professor Elizabeth Warren while she is serving the White House and the Treasury Department. This Court finds that the request meets the two standards established by Congress for granting PACER fee exemptions; the avoidance of unreasonable burdens and the promotion of public access to information. This limited exemption of PACER fees applies only to research being conducted by Professor Porter and is not intended for any purposes unrelated to academic research. After consultation with the Clerk of the Court, and finding it to be a reasonable request,

It is ORDERED that the PACER fees be waived from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012 and that Harvard's existing PACER account remain valid through December 31, 2012.

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Hon. Robert E. Littlefield, Jr.
Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

Dated: October 27, 2010



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The Honorable Robert E. Littlefield
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Dear Judge Littlefield:

I am writing to thank you for your earlier help and to request an order extending exemption for the Bankruptcy Project from PACER fees in your jurisdiction. According to our records, our waiver in your district will expire on December 31, 2010.

I am a professor who works with several other professors, including Drs. David Himmelstein and Steffie Woolhandler of the Harvard Medical School, Professor Melissa Jacoby of the University of North Carolina, Professor Robert Lawless of the University of Illinois, Professor John Pottow and President Teresa Sullivan of the University of Virginia, Dr. Deborah Thorne of Ohio University, Professor Elizabeth Warren, and Professor Jay Westbrook of the University of Texas in collecting data and writing about the businesses and individuals who file for bankruptcy. We incur PACER charges in order to advance our academic research about the bankruptcy system. In the past, Professor Elizabeth Warren has written to you to request a PACER waiver. While she is serving the White House and the Treasury Department, I am taking on responsibility for administering Bankruptcy Project research.

We have published many papers from our academic research using the PACER system and have shared our research with the courts, the Office of the United States Trustee and the Administrative Office of the United States Courts. We do not use PACER for any purpose other than academic research. We do not use PACER for the practice of law for clients or use PACER for any other fee-generating purposes.

Our collective and individual research has been published in several law review articles, including a recent article in the Harvard Law Review. We have also integrated the research into various books. Without access to these data, this work might never have been

completed. Everyone associated with the project is very grateful to the judges who have made it possible.

We currently have active waivers in all but two districts. Some courts have given us permanent waivers, applicable so long as we are doing academic research under the same terms; others have given us year-to-year or two-year exemptions which they have renewed. I request that the fee waiver be applicable for all data collection through December 31, 2012 and, if possible, beyond. Our PACER ID is BB0099.

If I can answer any questions, please feel free to get in touch with me. Thank you for your help.

Very truly yours,



Katherine Porter
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