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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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ALBANY, NY

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In Re:

Application for Exemption from the
Electronic Public Access Fees by
Associate Professor Daniel A. Austin

Administrative Order
No. 12-01

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This matter is before the Court upon the letter request dated February 22, 2012 by Associate Professor Daniel A. Austin ("Associate Professor Austin") for exemption from the fees imposed by the Electronic Public Access fee schedule adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts.

THEREFORE the Court finds that Associate Professor Austin, as an individual researcher associated with Northeastern University School of Law in Boston, Massachusetts, falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Associate Professor Austin has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information.

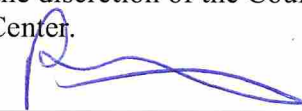
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Associate Professor Austin shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this court, to the extent such use is incurred in the course of research regarding the discharge of student loan debt in consumer bankruptcy cases filed in the Northern District of New York; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED Associate Professor Austin shall not be exempt from the payment of fees incurred in connection with other uses of the PACER system in this court; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that the following limitations apply: (1) this fee exemption applies only to Associate Professor Austin and is valid only for the purpose stated above; (2) this fee exemption applies only to the electronic case files of this court that are available through the PACER system; (3) Associate Professor Austin shall not sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption; (4) Associate Professor Austin is and shall be prohibited from transferring any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption; (5) this exemption is valid only until 90 days after the date of this Order, namely, MAY 29 2012; (6) if necessary, Associate Professor Austin may request an extension of the fee exemption granted in this Order, based upon an additional showing of need conforming to Judicial Conference Policy; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED this exemption may be revoked at the discretion of the Court at any time and a copy of this Order shall be sent to the PACER Service Center.

Dated this 29 day of **FEB**, 2012
Albany, New York


Chief Judge Robert E. Littlefield, Jr.



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**OFFICE OF THE BANKRUPTCY CLERK
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RE: Request for Waiver of PACER fees

400 Huntington Avenue
Boston, MA 02115

Dear Ms. Lefebvre,

I teach bankruptcy law at Northeastern University School of Law in Boston, Massachusetts. I have written a number of articles on bankruptcy law, as well as treatise on reaffirmation agreements published by the American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI).

I am conducting research on the discharge of student loan debt in bankruptcy. As part of my work, I need to research consumer bankruptcy cases in your district from 2000 through 2012. My work will consist of selecting approximately 50 consumer bankruptcy cases per year during this period, and reviewing Schedules F, I, and H, plus the summary of schedules, for information dealing with student loan debt. This information is essential to understanding the growing impact of student loan debt in bankruptcy. I anticipate that this research will take no longer than two months to complete, once a waiver of fees is granted. Accordingly, I am requesting a two-month waiver of the PACER fees in your district in order to enable me to do my research. Thank you very much for your consideration of my request.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel A. Austin".

Daniel A. Austin
Associate Professor