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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE BANKRUPTCY CLERK
ALBANY, NY

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In Re:

Application for Exemption from the
Electronic Public Access Fees by
Associate Professor Anne Lawton

Administrative Order
No. 13-01

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This matter is before the Court upon the letter request dated February 14, 2013 by Associate Professor Anne Lawton ("Associate Professor Lawton") (together with a supplemental statement describing the research project involving the review of chapter 11 cases with confirmed plans) for exemption from the fees imposed by the Electronic Public Access fee schedule adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts. Associate Professor Lawton was previously exempted from PACER fees by order dated March 16, 2011 and said exemption expired on March 31, 2012.

THEREFORE the Court finds that Associate Professor Lawton, as an individual researcher associated with the Michigan State University College of Law, falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Associate Professor Lawton 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 Lawton 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 BAPCPA's changes on the following: (1) plan confirmation rates and rates of successful plan performance; (2) average time to disposition; and (3) time to disposition for small versus non-small business debtors in chapter 11 bankruptcy cases filed during 2007 in the Northern District of New York; and it is


FURTHER ORDERED Associate Professor Lawton 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 Lawton 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 Lawton shall not sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption; (4) Associate Professor Lawton is and shall be prohibited from transferring any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption; (5) this exemption is

valid only for **March 15, 2013 through April 30, 2014**; and (6) if necessary, Associate Professor Lawton 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 21 day of February, 2012
Albany, New York



Chief Judge Robert E. Littlefield, Jr.