## UNITED STATES BANKRTUPCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In Re:

Application for Exemption from the Electronic Public Access Fees by Qianyang Zhang

Administrative Order 21-08 (Misc. Proc. No. 21-01001-1-dd)

## ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM THE PAYMENT OF PACER FEES

This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by Qianyang Zhang for an exemption from the fees imposed by the Electronic Public Access fee schedule adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts.

Qianyang Zhang is a PhD candidate in Economics at Columbia University who seeks to examine the spillover effects of retail bankruptcies filed under chapters 7 and 11 on (1) existing competitors, innovation by new entrants, and quality upgrading of products/services; and (2) the welfare gain/loss for consumers and other firms based upon the type of the retail bankruptcy. Based upon the foregoing, the Court finds that Qianyang Zhang falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Qianyang Zhang has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, Qianyang Zhang 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 her academic research as described in her application. She 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 Qianyang Zhang 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, Qianyang Zhang agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
- 4. Qianyang Zhang is prohibited from transferring any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption, including redistribution via internet based databases; and

5. this exemption is valid through and including September 30, 2023.

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: November <u>4</u>, 2021

Diane Davis

Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge