

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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**ORDER REGARDING PACER FEE EXEMPTIONS**

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On November 13, 2019, this court adopted General Order 19-1, which vacated all previous General Orders of this court not otherwise restated therein. Among those vacated orders were orders granting certain individuals and organizations permanent exemptions from the Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule (“Access Fees”). This order reinstates certain exemptions to avoid unreasonable burdens on the exempt users and does so retroactively to the extent necessary to eliminate any gap created by the operation of General Order 19-1. These fee exemptions are valid only for the purposes stated below and apply only to the electronic case files of this court that are available through the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (“PACER”) system.

The following users are exempt from Access Fees to the following extent:

1. **Trustees**: Chapter 7 Panel Trustees, the Chapter 12 Standing Trustee, Chapter 13 Standing Trustees, Chapter 11 Subchapter V Trustees for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, and all persons they employ to perform their duties as bankruptcy trustees in this District. This exemption applies only to use of PACER in their official capacities.
2. **Pro Se Help Desk**: Volunteers with the Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin’s Pro Se Help Desk to the extent they use PACER to assist indigent litigants free of charge.
3. **Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc.**: The staff and volunteer attorneys for Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc., to the extent they use PACER to assist indigent persons free of charge in the preparing or filing of cases, proceedings, or other papers in this court or to provide related counseling.

The exempted users may not use of any data obtained from their exempt PACER use commercially or for profit. These exemptions may be revoked at any time without cause or notice.

The Clerk is directed to transmit this order to the PACER Service Center, including with it all necessary PACER account information.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: October 4, 2021

**BY THE COURT:**

*s/ G. Michael Halfenger*

G. Michael Halfenger  
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge