

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA**

Misc. File No. 2019-4

In Re: Application for Exemption from the Electronic Public Access Fees by Ning Zhang

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

The Court finds that Ning Zhang, an individual researcher associated with an educational institution, falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Mr. Zhang has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, Mr. 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 researching accounting information in patent litigation cases. Mr. Zhang 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:

- I. this fee exemption applies only to Mr. Zhang, PACER Account No. 5301810, and is valid only for the purposes stated above;
- II. this fee exemption applies only to the electronic case files of this court that are available through the PACER system;
- III. by accepting this exemption, Mr. Zhang agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
- IV. Mr. Zhang is prohibited from transferring any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption, including redistribution via internet-based databases;
- V. this exemption is valid February 25, 2019 to November 25, 2019.

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.

SO ORDERED on March 25, 2019.

/s/ Theresa L. Springmann
Chief Judge, United States District Court
Northern District of Indiana