

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

GENERAL ORDER

No. 01-04 (1)

IT APPEARING that the Judicial Conference of the United States has adopted a fee of \$.07 per page for public users obtaining information through a federal judiciary Internet site;

AND IT FURTHER APPEARING that the Court may, for good cause, exempt persons or classes of persons from the fees, in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to such information; therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that persons or classes of persons may upon written request be exempted from the access fees who are not-for-profit organizations performing *pro bono* mediation or legal services, voluntary ADR neutrals, academics doing research in bankruptcy, and state and federal government agencies and courts. Other bases for exemptions may be considered upon written request to the extent permitted by regulation.

However, pursuant to the Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule issued in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1930(b), no fees are to be charged for services rendered on behalf of the United States, with the exception of those specifically prescribed in items 1, 5, and 23, or to bankruptcy administrators appointed under Public Law No. 99-554, § 302(d)(3)(1). Further, no fees under that schedule shall be charged to federal agencies or programs which are funded from judiciary appropriations, including, but not limited to, agencies, organizations, and individuals providing services authorized by the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A.

IT IS ORDERED THAT persons privately practicing law or otherwise seeking access to the Internet site of the Court are required to obtain personal billable codes for such usage.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that requests for exemptions should be directed to the Chief Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court, Everett McKinley Dirksen United States Courthouse, 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

ENTER FOR THE COURT:

**SUSAN PIERSON SONDERBY
Chief Bankruptcy Judge**

Dated: October 11, 2001