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DAVID GOODMAN, MATT GROSS,  
THOMAS GUZMAN-SANCHEZ, MINAL

Case No. 3:26-cv-5931

**COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES BASED  
ON COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT  
DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

1 HAJRATWALA, BRENDA HAMPTON,  
2 DONNA BARBA HIGUERA, HUMAN  
3 RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PRESS INC.,  
4 BUZZY JACKSON, NICK JAMILLA, K. W.  
5 JETER, MATTHEW KENNEY, PAMELA  
6 KEOGH, LYNNETTE KHALFANI-COX, JOE  
7 KONRATH, MARGARET RATNER  
8 KUNSTLER, AS EXECUTRIX OF THE  
9 ESTATE OF WILLIAM MOSES KUNSTLER,  
10 MELISSA LANDERS, LORIE  
11 MOEGGENBERG, CAREY CORP, MARIE  
12 MYUNG-OK LEE, JOHN LELAND,  
13 BARRON LERNER, ARIEL MACARRAN,  
14 MAGGIE MACNAB, DEBRA BERNDT  
15 MALDONADO, ERIN SIEGAL MCINTYRE,  
16 KAREN MCQUESTION, GLEN MERZER,  
17 PAMELA POPPER, LINDSAY S. NIXON,  
18 HANNAH NORDHAUS, KATE O'HEARN,  
19 RANDAL PINKETT, MATTEO PISTONO,  
20 BRUCE RATNER, AS EXECUTOR OF THE  
21 ESTATE OF MICHAEL RATNER, ANDREW  
22 REVKIN, CHRISTOPHER RICCI, SARAH  
23 ELIZABETH RICHARDS, JULIAN  
24 RUBINSTEIN, DANNY RUST, ALLEN  
25 SALKIN, DANIELLE SANTIAGO-COFIELD,  
26 DEFOREST B. SOARIES, JR., JESSE STAY,  
27 GENE STONE, JORDANA ROTHMAN,  
28 ALEX STUPAK, EMPELLON HOLDINGS  
LLC, KIKI SWINSON, NATALIA  
SYLVESTER, BRENDA L. THOMAS, LISA  
TURNER, LEMUEL (BOO) WALKER,  
PATRICE WASHINGTON, BEN  
WESTHOFF, FLORENCE WILLIAMS,  
DAVID YOUNG, REBECCA ZANETTI, and  
KIRK ZUROSKY,

*Plaintiffs,*

v.

ANTHROPIC PBC, a Delaware public benefit  
corporation; DARIO AMODEI, an individual,  
and BENJAMIN MANN, an individual,

*Defendants.*

1 Plaintiffs Thomas William Shakespeare, Nolan Bushnell, Laura Esquivel, Charles Glass, J.  
2 Randy Taraborrelli, Rose Books, Inc., Tiffany Aliche, Kathy Sierra, Bert Bates, Vince Beiser, Clara  
3 Bingham, Susan Bliler, Barbara Marie Bonneau, Cylin Busby, Busby Ross Inc., Stephen J. Caldas,  
4 Scott Carney, Anne Canadeo, Jordi Castells, Wahida Clark, Wahida Clark Presents Publishing  
5 LLC, Suzanne Cope, Julie Cross, Ron Currie, Jr., Victoria David, Marcy Dermansky, Jim  
6 DiEugenio, Zachary Sklar, Jim Dutcher, Jamie Dutcher, Ginny Dye, Sarah Edmondson Inc., Mara  
7 Einstein, Rip Esselstyn, Jane Esselstyn, Ben L. Evridge, Nir Eyal, Jon Fine, Karen Siff Exkorn,  
8 Isabelle Gallo, Stanley Ginsberg, Reyna Gobel, David Goodman, Matt Gross, Thomas Guzman-  
9 Sanchez, Minal Hajratwala, Brenda Hampton, Donna Barba Higuera, Human Resource  
10 Development Press Inc., Buzzy Jackson, Nick Jamilla, K. W. Jeter, Matthew Kenney, Pamela  
11 Keogh, Lynnette Khalfani-Cox, Joe Konrath, Margaret Ratner Kunstler, as Executrix of the Estate  
12 of William Moses Kunstler, Melissa Landers, Lorie Moeggenberg, Carey Corp, Marie Myung-Ok  
13 Lee, John Leland, Barron Lerner, Ariel MacArran, Maggie Macnab, Debra Berndt Maldonado, Erin  
14 Siegal McIntyre, Karen McQuestion, Glen Merzer, Pamela Popper, Lindsay S. Nixon, Hannah  
15 Nordhaus, Kate O’Hearn, Randal Pinkett, Matteo Pistono, Bruce Ratner, as Executor of the Estate  
16 of Michael Ratner, Andrew Revkin, Christopher Ricci, Sarah Elizabeth Richards, Julian  
17 Rubinstein, Danny Rust, Allen Salkin, Danielle Santiago-Cofield, DeForest B. Soaries, Jr., Jesse  
18 Stay, Gene Stone, Jordana Rothman, Alex Stupak, Empellon Holdings LLC, Kiki Swinson, Natalia  
19 Sylvester, Brenda L. Thomas, Lisa Turner, Lemuel (Boo) Walker, Patrice Washington, Ben  
20 Westhoff, Florence Williams, David Young, Rebecca Zanetti, and Kirk Zurosky, (collectively,  
21 “Plaintiffs”) for their complaint against Defendant Anthropic PBC (“Anthropic”), Defendant Dario  
22 Amodei (“Amodei”), an individual, and Defendant Benjamin Mann (“Mann”), an individual,  
23 (collectively, “Defendants”), allege upon personal knowledge as to each of their own respective  
24 conduct, and on information and belief based on the investigation of Plaintiffs’ counsel as to all  
25 other conduct alleged herein, as follows.

## 26 I. NATURE OF THE ACTION

27 1. “Anthropic” comes from the Greek word *anthrōpos*, meaning human. Yet as  
28 alleged herein, Anthropic exploited human creators’ copyrighted books on a massive scale as free

1 inputs, rather than respecting authors' rights to consent, credit, and compensation. Anthropic did  
2 what any human with morals and a conscience knows: it is not fair to steal property that does not  
3 belong to you.

4 2. Plaintiffs are authors of various genres of written copyrighted works, including  
5 textbooks, corporate training guides, poetry, nonfiction books and fiction books.

6 3. Plaintiffs bring this case to address Defendants' unlawful downloading and  
7 exploitation of their works from library websites known to consist of pirated works by using  
8 BitTorrent, a file-sharing technology widely used for mass copyright infringement. Defendants  
9 downloaded works by torrenting an enormous number of unauthorized copies of Plaintiffs' works  
10 from illegal shadow libraries to avoid paying for those works, while at the same time uploading  
11 via torrenting unlawful copies of the same works, all in violation of Plaintiffs' copyrights.

12 4. Defendants unlawfully torrented Plaintiffs' works to amass a vast central library of  
13 written texts for Anthropic to maintain and use forever. To the extent that Anthropic later used  
14 some subset of these stolen works for AI training, any such claimed use is irrelevant (and would  
15 not in any case qualify as fair use). Defendants' piracy of each of Plaintiffs' literary works via  
16 torrenting was a standalone act of infringement of Plaintiffs' exclusive rights under the Copyright  
17 Act.

18 5. Defendants exploited BitTorrent, a file-sharing program to access Library Genesis  
19 ("LibGen") and Pirate Library Mirror ("PiLiMi"), illegal websites known for hosting pirated  
20 content, to download millions of unauthorized copies of books. Evidence made public in the  
21 *Bartz v. Anthropic* case reveals that at least one of Anthropic's founders, Benjamin Mann,  
22 personally engaged in this illegal torrenting. Other members of Anthropic's senior leadership,  
23 including co-founder and Chief Executive Officer Dario Amodei, personally discussed and  
24 authorized (including directed and ratified) this illegal torrenting. Defendants knew that the  
25 millions of books that they were torrenting were pirated and that the websites from which they  
26 were torrenting them were illegal. Defendants intentionally infringed, or at minimum acted in  
27 reckless disregard for the rights of copyright holders, including Plaintiffs.  
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1           6.       Among the books Defendants illegally downloaded, uploaded, copied, or  
2 distributed in this manner were hundreds of Plaintiffs’ works, including the works identified in  
3 Exhibit A, which identifies the United States Copyright Registration number, title of the work,  
4 and each author’s name. Plaintiffs have standing to file suit as a copyright claimant.

5           7.       Additionally, when Defendants used BitTorrent to download Plaintiffs’ works via  
6 torrenting, they simultaneously uploaded to the public at large and other BitTorrent users,  
7 unauthorized copies of the same works, separately violating Plaintiffs’ exclusive right of  
8 distribution and encouraging and enabling further infringement of Plaintiffs’ respective  
9 copyrighted works.

10          8.       Despite the availability of licensing books and having the financial resources to  
11 license books through legitimate means, Defendants chose piracy to avoid what Amodei  
12 internally characterized as a “legal/practice/business slog.”

13          9.       Anthropic did not merely use these works transiently. It stored them in a “central  
14 library” or “generalized data area” and adopted a policy to “store everything forever,” retaining  
15 these pirated copies for various purposes, even after determining the books might never be used  
16 for training its AI models and/or would not need to store them forever for the training of its AI  
17 models.

18          10.       Anthropic had and has no entitlement to use pirated copies for its central library.  
19 Unlike a lawful purchaser of a copy, Anthropic stole these works to create a “permanent, general-  
20 purpose library” without compensating Plaintiffs.

21          11.       As the Court in *Bartz v. Anthropic* previously ruled, Anthropic had no entitlement  
22 to use pirated copies for its central library. Creating a permanent, general-purpose library was not  
23 fair use excusing Anthropic’s piracy.<sup>1</sup>

24          12.       These acts of illicit copying were complete at the moment they occurred and  
25 violated each of Plaintiffs’ exclusive rights under the Copyright Act, regardless of any later use  
26 Anthropic alleges and claims to have made of those copies.

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28 <sup>1</sup> *Bartz v. Anthropic PBC*, 787 F. Supp. 3d 1007, 1033 (N.D. Cal. 2025).

1           13. Each Plaintiff dedicated as much as a year or more to ideating, creating, writing,  
2 and obtaining publication of their copyrighted works, sometimes risking their lives to reduce a  
3 story to the written page, with Anthropic robbing each work with the simple click of a mouse  
4 driven by Anthropic’s quest for profits, all driven by Anthropic’s arms race with Meta, OpenAI  
5 and Google to build the most profitable generative AI model.

6           14. Anthropic built its business, large language models (or “LLMs”) collectively  
7 named “Claude” on the backs of authors with mass, large-scale copying of copyrighted works.

8           15. Anthropic never attempted to offer any compensation to Plaintiffs for the pirated  
9 copying and use of the works and was fully aware of their illegal scheme, taking steps to hide the  
10 full extent of its copyright theft of Plaintiffs’ respective works.

11           16. Anthropic’s meteoric explosion of growth from seed money to a trillion-dollar  
12 company in less than five (5) years is part of an “arms race” to build generative intelligence at  
13 superhuman scale and by engaging in widespread copyright infringement to obtain pirated copies  
14 of literary works.

15           17. Anthropic has rapidly grown into an AI colossus that today values itself at close to  
16 \$1 trillion as noted in a confidential filing for its initial public offering prospectus.<sup>2</sup>

17           18. Despite its trillion-dollar valuation, Anthropic refused until after litigation to start  
18 paying for the vast amounts of copyrighted content—including Plaintiffs’ literary works—it took  
19 without permission or credit to build its business.

20           19. For human authors that own copyrighted works, Anthropic caused tremendous  
21 harm. Based on the brazen infringement to date, if left unchecked, Anthropic would likely engage  
22 in further infringement absent a sufficient and meaningful deterrent.

23           20. Plaintiffs bring this action under the Copyright Act to redress the harm caused by  
24 Anthropic’s willful decision to illegally download, upload, copy, reproduce, and distribute each  
25 of Plaintiffs’ works. This constitutes an infringement of the copyright owner’s exclusive  
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28 <sup>2</sup> See <https://www.cnbc.com/2026/06/01/anthropic-ipo-s1-prospectus.html> (last checked June 9, 2026)

1 reproduction right under the Copyright Act of 1976, 17 U.S.C. §101 *et seq.*, and therefore violates  
2 the law.

## 3 II. PARTIES

### 4 A. Plaintiffs

5 21. Plaintiffs are authors and copyright owners, or co-owners, of original literary  
6 works identified below and more fully catalogued in Exhibit A, attached to this complaint.

7 Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that basis allege that Defendants copied, stored,  
8 retained, distributed, and exploited Plaintiffs' works without permission. Plaintiffs reserve the  
9 right to add additional works to this case based what Anthropic produces in discovery.

10 22. Plaintiff **Thomas William Shakespeare** is a resident of London, England, in the  
11 United Kingdom. Sir Thomas William Shakespeare is a British sociologist and bioethicist best  
12 known for his work in disability studies, medical sociology, and bioethics. He has served as  
13 Professor of Disability Research at the University of East Anglia, where his research and teaching  
14 have focused on disability theory, bioethics, genetics and society, public health, and human rights  
15 and social policy. Mr. Shakespeare has contributed to global health and disability policy through  
16 collaboration with international organizations, including work related to the United Nations  
17 Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, genetics policy, and inclusive public  
18 health frameworks. His scholarship is particularly recognized for its critical and influential  
19 engagement with the social model of disability, bridging disability rights advocacy with  
20 bioethical debates surrounding genetics, prenatal testing, and medical intervention. Mr.  
21 Shakespeare is the author and copyright owner of an original literary work that Defendants  
22 copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Mr. Shakespeare, and for  
23 which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Mr. Shakespeare registered his one  
24 (1) work under his name, Tom Shakespeare, *Disability Rights and Wrongs Revisited* prior to  
25 Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and he seeks statutory  
26 damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$150,000 in statutory damages. *See*  
27 Exhibit A.

28 23. Plaintiff **Nolan Bushnell** is a resident of Los Angeles, California. Mr. Bushnell is

1 a pioneering American entrepreneur and author who co-founded Atari in 1972 and introduced the  
2 world to Pong, the first blockbuster video game, thereby leading to the creation of the video game  
3 industry. His design philosophy — that games should be “easy to learn and difficult to master” —  
4 continues to influence a new generation of developers, and he has been named one of “50 People  
5 Who Changed America” by *Newsweek*. A prolific entrepreneur, Mr. Bushnell has founded more  
6 than twenty companies, including Chuck E. Cheese’s Pizza Time Theater, Catalyst Technologies  
7 (the first Silicon Valley business incubator), Etak (the first in-car navigation system), and uWink  
8 (the first touchscreen ordering, entertainment, and checkout system for restaurant tables), and in  
9 doing so pioneered many of the workplace innovations that have defined Silicon Valley. He is  
10 currently chairman of ExoDexa, a gamified education company, and serves as an advisor and  
11 board member to companies in gaming, robotics, eSports, and advanced technology. Mr. Bushnell  
12 is the co-author, with Gene Stone, of *Finding the Next Steve Jobs* (2013), in which he recounts,  
13 among other subjects, his distinction as the first and only person ever to hire Steve Jobs, and the  
14 co-author, with Dr. Leah Hanes, of *Shaping the Future of Education* (2023); a biopic about Mr.  
15 Bushnell, tentatively titled *Atari*, with Leonardo DiCaprio’s production company attached to it, is  
16 in pre-production. Mr. Bushnell is the author and copyright owner of original literary works that  
17 Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Mr. Bushnell,  
18 and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Mr. Bushnell registered his  
19 one (1) work *Finding the Next Steve Jobs* prior to Defendants’ infringement with the United  
20 States Copyright Office, and he seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of  
21 up to \$150,000 in statutory damages. See Exhibit A.

22 24. Plaintiff **Laura Esquivel**<sup>3</sup> is a resident of Mexico. Ms. Esquivel is a Mexican  
23 author, screenwriter, and playwright best known for her groundbreaking contributions to  
24 contemporary Latin American literature, and is one of the most internationally celebrated authors  
25 of her generation. Born in Mexico City in 1950, she gained worldwide acclaim with her debut  
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27 <sup>3</sup> Plaintiff Esquivel is solely seeking damages caused by Anthropic based on a torrenting/seeding  
28 theory of liability in this complaint. Subject to Court approval in the *Bartz v. Anthropic* action to  
permit her to opt out of the settlement in that action, she intends to pursue all other theories pled  
in this complaint and will seek leave to amend the complaint.

1 novel *Como agua para chocolate (Like Water for Chocolate)* (1989), a seminal work of magical  
2 realism and romantic fiction that tells the story of a young woman whose emotions infuse the  
3 food she prepares, linking culinary art with love, family tradition, and personal freedom; the  
4 novel became a global bestseller, was translated into more than thirty languages, and was adapted  
5 into a critically acclaimed film in 1992 as well as a series on HBO. Ms. Esquivel's subsequent  
6 works demonstrate her continued experimentation with narrative form, integrating magical  
7 realism, feminist perspectives, Mexican cultural identity, and spiritual and metaphysical themes  
8 into richly layered storytelling. Through her vivid depictions of Mexican life, food, and family  
9 traditions, Ms. Esquivel has served as a cultural ambassador, helping global audiences connect  
10 with Latin American culture, and stands alongside authors such as Isabel Allende as a pioneer in  
11 bringing magical realism to worldwide readerships. Ms. Esquivel is the author and copyright  
12 owner of five (5) original literary works that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and  
13 exploited without authorization from Ms. Esquivel, and for which Anthropic caused damages  
14 under the Copyright Act. Ms. Esquivel registered her five (5) works *Como agua para Chocolate*;  
15 *Malinche*; *Mi Negro Pasado*; *Escribiendo la Nueva Historia (Como Dejar de Ser Víctima en 12*  
16 *Sesiones)*; and *A Lupita le Gustaba Planchar / Lupita Always Liked to Iron* prior to Defendants'  
17 infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and she seeks statutory damages of up to  
18 \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$750,000 in statutory damages. *See Exhibit A.*

19 25. Plaintiff **Charles Glass** is a resident of Italy. Mr. Glass is an author, who has  
20 written books on conflict and history in the Middle East, Africa and Europe for the past fifty  
21 years. His books on the Middle East include *Tribes with Flags* (Atlantic Monthly Press and  
22 Picador), *Money for Old Rope* (Picador); *The Tribes Triumphant* (Harper Collins); *The Northern*  
23 *Front: An Iraq War Diary* (Saqi Books); *Syria Burning: A Short History of a Catastrophe* (Verso  
24 Books 2016); and *Syria: Civil War to Holy War?* (OR Books, 2025). His books on the Second  
25 World War are: *Americans in Paris: Life and Death Under the Nazi Occupation, 1940-1944*  
26 (Penguin Press in New York, Harper-Collins in London and Editions Saint-Simon in Paris); *The*  
27 *Deserters: A Hidden History of World War II* (Penguin Press in New York and Harper Press in  
28 London); and *They Fought Alone* (Penguin Press) on British agents in France under the German

1 occupation. He also wrote *Soldiers Don't Go Mad: A Story of Brotherhood, Poetry, and Mental*  
2 *Illness During the First World War* (Penguin Press, New York, and Bedford Square Publishers,  
3 London). Among his contributions to other books are his introductions to *Alison Jackson's*  
4 *Confidential: What You See in This Book is Not "Real"* (Taschen, 2007) and *Doctors and*  
5 *Torture: Resistance or Collaboration?* (Amnesty International, as well as essays in collections  
6 including *The Syria Dilemma* (M.I.T. Press, 2013). His sole occupation is as a writer and author.  
7 Mr. Glass is the author and copyright owner of original literary works that Defendants copied,  
8 uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Mr. Glass, and for which  
9 Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Mr. Glass registered his three (3) works  
10 *Americans in Paris: Life and Death Under Nazi Occupation*; *The Deserters: A Hidden History of*  
11 *World War II*; and *They Fought Alone* prior to Defendants' infringement with the United States  
12 Copyright Office, and he seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to  
13 \$450,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

14 26. Plaintiff **J. Randy Taraborrelli** is a resident of Pennsylvania. Mr. Taraborrelli is a  
15 prolific American journalist, celebrity biographer, author, and media commentator born in  
16 Philadelphia, whose career spans decades and includes authorship of more than twenty books,  
17 many of which became major bestsellers. Before becoming a full-time biographer, he worked as a  
18 magazine journalist and served as editor-in-chief of *Soul* magazine, a publication focused on  
19 Black entertainment, before gaining major attention with comprehensive, deeply researched  
20 biographies of prominent entertainment figures including Diana Ross, Cher, Michael Jackson,  
21 Madonna, Marilyn Monroe, and Elizabeth Taylor, and later expanding into political biography  
22 with his acclaimed series on the Kennedy family. Mr. Taraborrelli is known for crafting detailed  
23 portraits blending public record, interviews, and cultural context with a narrative accessibility that  
24 makes complex lives readable and engaging for mainstream audiences, and several of his  
25 biographies have been adapted into television miniseries; he also appears regularly on major  
26 media outlets as a commentator and entertainment news analyst. Mr. Taraborrelli is the author  
27 and copyright owner of original literary works that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and  
28 exploited without authorization from Mr. Taraborrelli, and for which Anthropic caused damages

1 under the Copyright Act. Mr. Taraborrelli registered his three (3) works *Michael Jackson: The*  
2 *Magic and the Madness*; *Sinatra: Behind the Legend*; and *Madonna: An Intimate Biography* prior  
3 to Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and he seeks statutory  
4 damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$450,000 in statutory damages. *See*  
5 Exhibit A.

6 27. Plaintiff **Rose Books, Inc.** is a California company owned by J. Randy  
7 Taraborrelli, a resident of Pennsylvania. Rose Books, Inc. is the copyright owner of original  
8 literary works authored by Mr. Taraborrelli that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and  
9 exploited without authorization, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright  
10 Act. Rose Books, Inc. registered its twelve (12) works *Jackie, Ethel, Joan: Women of Camelot*  
11 (Registration No. TX0005160294); *Once Upon a Time: Behind the Fairy Tale of Princess Grace*  
12 *and Prince Rainier*; *Diana Ross: A Biography*; *The Secret Life of Marilyn Monroe*; *Elizabeth*;  
13 *Sinatra: Behind the Legend*; *After Camelot: A Personal History of the Kennedy Family 1968 to*  
14 *the Present*; *The Hiltons: The True Story of an American Dynasty*; *Grace & Steel*; *Becoming*  
15 *Beyoncé*; *Jackie, Janet & Lee*; and *The Kennedy Heirs* prior to Defendants' infringement with the  
16 United States Copyright Office, and seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a  
17 total of up to \$1,800,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

18 28. Plaintiff **Tiffany Aliche** is a resident of New Jersey. Ms. Aliche, widely known as  
19 "The Budgetnista," is an award-winning financial educator, entrepreneur, and author recognized  
20 as America's foremost personal finance educator. She taught preschool for ten years in Newark,  
21 New Jersey, an experience she credits as the foundation of her educational mission, before  
22 founding her company, The Budgetnista, through which she has helped over two million women  
23 worldwide collectively save more than \$250 million and pay off over \$200 million in debt. Ms.  
24 Aliche's commitment to financial literacy extended to the legislative arena when she partnered  
25 with Assemblywoman Angela V. McKnight to author a bill signed into law as New Jersey Law  
26 A1414, known as "The Budgetnista Law," which mandated financial education in all New Jersey  
27 middle schools. She is a *New York Times* and Amazon bestselling author. Ms. Aliche and her  
28 financial advice have been featured on Good Morning America, the TODAY Show, PBS, Time,

1 The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Forbes, CNN/HLN, MSNBC, Fox Business, and  
2 Netflix, and in February 2021 she became the first solo Black woman to appear on the cover of  
3 *Money* magazine. Ms. Aliche is the author and copyright owner of an original literary work that  
4 Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Ms. Aliche,  
5 and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Ms. Aliche registered her one  
6 (1) work *Get Good with Money* prior to Defendants' infringement with the United States  
7 Copyright Office, and she seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to  
8 \$150,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

9         29. Plaintiff **Kathy Sierra** is a resident of Washington State. Ms. Sierra is a  
10 programming instructor, author, and learning-science educator whose work focuses on how  
11 people learn complex technical skills, with particular emphasis on cognitive load, confidence, and  
12 expertise development in technical fields. She is best known as the co-creator of the Head First  
13 series, published by O'Reilly Media, and as a co-author of *Head First Java* and numerous other  
14 titles in that series, which became global bestsellers used in universities, coding bootcamps,  
15 corporate training programs, and self-taught developer communities worldwide. Ms. Sierra  
16 previously served as an instructor and Java evangelist at Sun Microsystems, and has been a  
17 widely respected speaker and writer on learning design, instructional methodology, and software  
18 education culture. Her work applied cognitive science principles — including spaced repetition,  
19 active learning, and brain-friendly design — to technical education long before those concepts  
20 were mainstream in the field, and in doing so helped lower barriers to entry in software  
21 development for learners worldwide. Ms. Sierra is the co-author and co-copyright owner of  
22 original literary works that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without  
23 authorization from Ms. Sierra, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act.  
24 Ms. Sierra registered her one (1) work *Head First Java* prior to Defendants' infringement with  
25 the United States Copyright Office, and she seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work,  
26 for a total of up to \$150,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

27         30. Plaintiff **Bert Bates** is a resident of Washington State. Mr. Bates is a software  
28 developer, technical author, and educator with deep experience in Java and other programming

1 languages, and is best known as the co-creator of the Head First series, published by O'Reilly  
2 Media. He co-authored *Head First Java* and multiple other titles in the Head First series, bringing  
3 a developer's perspective to each work to ensure technical accuracy while supporting a learner-  
4 centered instructional approach grounded in cognitive science. Mr. Bates has contributed broadly  
5 to software education through writing, teaching, and developer advocacy, helping translate  
6 complex technical systems into accessible, learner-friendly explanations that have been used in  
7 universities, coding bootcamps, corporate training programs, and self-taught developer  
8 communities worldwide. His work, together with his co-author, fundamentally reshaped  
9 expectations for technical education publishing, demonstrating that pedagogical design and  
10 technical rigor are complementary rather than competing values, and influencing a generation of  
11 technical authors and educators. Mr. Bates is the author and copyright owner of original literary  
12 works that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from  
13 Mr. Bates, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Mr. Bates  
14 registered his one (1) work *Head First Java* prior to Defendants' infringement with the United  
15 States Copyright Office, and he seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of  
16 up to \$150,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

17 31. Plaintiff **Vince Beiser** is a resident of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Mr.  
18 Beiser is an award-winning journalist and author who has reported from over one hundred  
19 countries, states, provinces, kingdoms, occupied territories, and disaster zones, covering stories  
20 ranging from conditions in California's harshest prisons and training with U.S. Army soldiers to  
21 natural disaster response and investigative reporting from around the world. His work has  
22 appeared in *Wired*, *The Atlantic*, *The Guardian*, *Mother Jones*, *Rolling Stone*, *The Economist*, *The*  
23 *Los Angeles Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The New York Times*, and has been honored by  
24 the Society of Professional Journalists, the New York Public Library, the National Association of  
25 Science Writers, Investigative Reporters and Editors, the Columbia, Medill, and Missouri  
26 Graduate Schools of Journalism, and many other institutions; he has also shared in three National  
27 Magazine Awards and an Emmy. Mr. Beiser is a finalist for a PEN America Award and a  
28 California Book Award that spawned a TEDx talk. He graduated *summa cum laude* from the

1 University of California, Berkeley, with a degree in Middle Eastern Studies, and is also the co-  
2 author of a feature film screenplay commissioned by director Steven Soderbergh. Mr. Beiser is  
3 the author and copyright owner of an original literary work that Defendants copied, uploaded,  
4 distributed, and exploited without authorization from Mr. Beiser, and for which Anthropic caused  
5 damages under the Copyright Act. Mr. Beiser registered his one (1) work *The World in a Grain:  
6 The Story of Sand and How It Transformed Civilization* prior to Defendants' infringement with  
7 the United States Copyright Office, and he seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work,  
8 for a total of up to \$150,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

9 32. Plaintiff **Clara Bingham** is a resident of Brooklyn, New York. Ms. Bingham is an  
10 American journalist, author, and documentary film producer renowned for her investigative  
11 reporting and scholarly work on women's rights, social justice, and American political culture.  
12 Born into a newspaper-publishing family in Louisville, Kentucky, she attended Harvard  
13 University, graduating in 1985 with a degree in History and Literature, and later served as a  
14 Washington, D.C.-based correspondent for *Newsweek* from 1989 to 1993, covering the George  
15 H.W. Bush White House and the 1992 presidential election. Ms. Bingham is the author of  
16 multiple influential nonfiction works. In addition to her writing, Ms. Bingham produced the  
17 documentary *The Last Mountain* (2011), which examined mountaintop-removal coal mining,  
18 premiered at the Sundance Film Festival, and won the International Documentary Association's  
19 Pare Lorentz Award. Ms. Bingham is the author and copyright owner of an original literary work  
20 that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Ms.  
21 Bingham, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Ms. Bingham  
22 registered her one (1) work *WITNESS TO THE REVOLUTION Radicals, Resisters, Vets, Hippies,  
23 and the Year America Lost Its Mind and Found Its Soul* prior to Defendants' infringement with  
24 the United States Copyright Office, and she seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work,  
25 for a total of up to \$150,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

26 33. Plaintiff **Susan Bliler** is a resident of Montana. Ms. Bliler is an American author  
27 of paranormal romance and urban fantasy fiction, born and raised in Great Falls, Montana, whose  
28 work draws inspiration from the landscapes and cultural influences of that region. She began

1 writing seriously in middle school and, after early rejections from traditional publishers, turned to  
2 self-publishing on platforms such as Amazon, where she built a significant and loyal readership  
3 demonstrating that independent authors can carve out vibrant careers outside traditional  
4 publishing. Ms. Bliler is the author of more than 40 novels spanning several series and standalone  
5 works, most notably the long-running *Skin Walkers* series — a paranormal romance series built  
6 around shape-shifter cultures, pack politics, mating bonds, and supernatural conflict that currently  
7 includes more than twenty books — as well as the related *Territory* series, which explores pack  
8 and mating dynamics set against the wilds of the American West. Her novels have charted on  
9 Amazon’s bestseller lists and attracted a dedicated following among readers of shifter romance,  
10 pack dynamics, and extended supernatural sagas. Ms. Bliler is the author and copyright owner of  
11 original literary works that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without  
12 authorization from Ms. Bliler, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act.  
13 Ms. Bliler registered her three (3) works *A Lion’s Pride*; *Skin Walkers: Leto*; and *Tyce (Skin*  
14 *Walkers 15)* prior to Defendants’ infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and she  
15 seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$450,000 in statutory  
16 damages. *See* Exhibit A.

17 34. Plaintiff **Barbara Marie Bonneau** is a resident of Dijon, France. Dr. Bonneau is  
18 an American-born US Citizen, psychologist and psychodynamic therapist who lives and works in  
19 France, and whose creative work bridges her clinical background with literary fiction and graphic  
20 novel creation. She earned a doctorate in Fundamental Psychopathology from the Université of  
21 Paris Cité, with a thesis titled « *Les Mots dans l’Oeil* » (Words in the Eye), which serves as the  
22 name of her bilingual blog and publishing company. Her thesis (2001), published in France under  
23 the title, *Les Mots Dans l’Oeil, Jouissance du Miroir et Vérité du Sujet*, is protected under the  
24 Berne Convention, as is her review of one of Faulkner’s works titled, *Du Semblant au Sang*  
25 *Rouge dans les Cent Mille Carrés de Sutpen : Le Racism, le Symptôme et le Sinthome dans le*  
26 *roman de Faulkner: Absalon! Absalon!* (2012), as well as several scientific articles published in  
27 France, Australia, and Brazil. Dr. Bonneau’s childhood engagement with writing grew equally  
28 from her clinical practice, inspired by questions raised by her initial hospitalized patient in 1991,

1 leading her to write about body image. She has since returned to fiction writing and collaborates  
2 with her disabled patients to create graphic novels. She is the author of three literary suspense  
3 novels drawn from her childhood experiences near the Mississippi River, and infused with  
4 supernatural, metaphysical, and psychological elements. Dr. Bonneau launched her literary career  
5 with the publication of *These Beans Have Too Much Salt* in 2016 and has since completed a  
6 trilogy with the addition of *White Light Yoga; What Really Happened* (2022) and *Deviling the*  
7 *Devil* (2022). These three novels are registered with the US Copyright Office. Dr. Bonneau is the  
8 author of an original literary work that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited  
9 without authorization from Dr. Bonneau, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the  
10 Copyright Act. Dr. Bonneau registered her book, *These Beans Have Too Much Salt*, prior to the  
11 Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright Office and she seeks statutory  
12 damages of up to \$150,000 per work. See Exhibit A.

13 35. Plaintiff **Bonneau** also is the author and copyright owner of an original literary  
14 work that, upon information and belief, Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited  
15 without authorization from Dr. **Bonneau**, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the  
16 Copyright Act and which titles did not appear on the *Bartz v. Anthropic* works list. Dr. **Bonneau**  
17 registered her one (1) title *White Light Yoga; What Really Happened* and she seeks statutory  
18 damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$150,000 in statutory damages for this  
19 work. See Exhibit A.

20 36. Plaintiff **Cylin Busby** is a resident of Los Angeles, California. Ms. Busby is an  
21 American author, screenwriter, and editor whose work spans memoir, young adult fiction,  
22 children's picture books, and screenwriting, and who has published more than twenty books for  
23 young readers with rights sold in multiple countries. She attended Hampshire College and began  
24 her career as a children's book editor at major publishing houses including Random House,  
25 HarperCollins, and Simon & Schuster before relocating to Los Angeles around 2000 to expand  
26 her writing into young adult fiction and screenwriting. Ms. Busby is best known for *The Year We*  
27 *Disappeared* (2008), a bestselling true crime memoir co-written with her father, John Busby,  
28 recounting the family's ordeal after her father — a police officer — was shot on duty when she

1 was nine years old; the book reached number three on the *Wall Street Journal* nonfiction  
2 bestseller list, number one on Amazon nonfiction, and was featured in a CBS “48 Hours”  
3 television special. Her body of work further includes the young adult novel *Blink Once* (2012),  
4 the middle-grade novel *The Nine Lives of Jacob Tibbs* (2016), and children’s picture books  
5 including *The Bookstore Cat* (2020) and *The White House Cat* (2022), reflecting her range across  
6 genres and age categories. As a screenwriter, her screenplay *Rebecca and Quinn Get Scared* was  
7 a finalist at the Austin Film Festival and was sold to New Line/WB. With her writing partner, she  
8 has also written Hallmark holiday films, including *A Tale of Two Christmases* (Hallmark 2022).  
9 Ms. Busby is the author and copyright owner of original literary works that Defendants copied,  
10 uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Ms. Busby, and for which  
11 Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Ms. Busby registered her three (3) works  
12 *Date Him or Dump Him? Ski Trip Trouble; The Nine Lives of Jacob Tibbs* and *The Stranger*  
13 *Game* prior to Defendants’ infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and she seeks  
14 statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$450,000 in statutory damages.  
15 See Exhibit A.

16 37. Plaintiff **Busby Ross Inc.** is a California company owned by Plaintiff **Cylin**  
17 **Busby** and is a loan out company for certain works. Ms. Busby registered her one (1) work *The*  
18 *Year We Disappeared: A Father-Daughter Memoir* with **Busby Ross Inc.** prior to Defendants’  
19 infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and seeks statutory damages of up to  
20 \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$150,000 in statutory damages. See Exhibit A.

21 38. Plaintiff **Stephen J. Caldas** is a resident of Brooklyn, New York. Dr. Caldas is an  
22 American educational scholar, author, and professor best known for his research on school  
23 desegregation, bilingual education, and the social contexts of public schooling. He holds a Ph.D.  
24 in Education and has taught at several universities, including Manhattanville College, Hofstra  
25 University, and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and has served as a visiting professor at  
26 McGill University in Montreal and at L’École nationale d’administration publique in Quebec  
27 City. Over his career, Dr. Caldas has authored or co-authored more than seventy-five scholarly  
28 articles, book chapters, and books that intersect education policy, sociolinguistics, and the

1 sociology of schooling, employing advanced quantitative methods — including multivariate  
2 statistical modeling — to analyze educational outcomes, achievement gaps, and policy impacts.  
3 His major works, several co-authored with Carl L. Bankston III, include *A Troubled Dream: The*  
4 *Promise and Failure of School Desegregation in Louisiana*; *Forced to Fail: The Paradox of*  
5 *School Desegregation*; *Still Failing: The Continuing Paradox of School Desegregation*; *Public*  
6 *Education — America’s Civil Religion: A Social History*; and *Raising Bilingual-Biliterate*  
7 *Children in Monolingual Cultures*, a longitudinal case study documenting bilingual development  
8 in French and English within primarily monolingual environments. Dr. Caldas’s publications are  
9 widely cited in academic circles and are used in teacher education, sociology of education, and  
10 policy studies, making him a significant interdisciplinary voice spanning sociology, linguistics,  
11 history, and education policy. Dr. Caldas is the author and copyright owner of original literary  
12 works that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from  
13 Dr. Caldas, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Dr. Caldas  
14 registered his one (1) work *Forced to Fail* prior to Defendants’ infringement with the United  
15 States Copyright Office, and he seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of  
16 up to \$150,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

17         39. Plaintiff **Scott Carney** is a resident of Colorado. Mr. Carney is an American  
18 investigative journalist and anthropologist whose work delves into the intersections of human  
19 bodies, resilience, culture, and ethical systems, and who has reported from some of the most  
20 challenging environments in the world — including multiple years in South Asia — for outlets  
21 such as *Wired*, *Mother Jones*, and *Foreign Policy*. He earned his B.A. at Kenyon College and an  
22 M.A. in anthropology from the University of Wisconsin–Madison before transitioning from  
23 academic research to immersive investigative journalism, and he currently serves as CEO of his  
24 media company Foxtopus Ink. In 2010, Mr. Carney was awarded the Payne Award for Ethics in  
25 Journalism for his investigative story exposing an international adoption and kidnapping ring, and  
26 his subsequent books have established him as a leading voice in narrative nonfiction. His body of  
27 work includes *The Red Market* (2011), which exposed the global trade in human body parts and  
28 tissues; *The Enlightenment Trap* (2015); *What Doesn’t Kill Us* (2017), in which he embedded

1 with extreme human-performance systems and climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in minimal clothing;  
2 *The Wedge* (2020), exploring consciousness, stress, and human adaptation; and *The Vortex* (2023,  
3 co-authored with Jason Miklian), which details how a natural disaster escalated into geopolitical  
4 conflict and was long-listed for the Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction. Mr. Carney is  
5 the author and copyright owner of original literary works that Defendants copied, uploaded,  
6 distributed, and exploited without authorization from Mr. Carney, and for which Anthropic  
7 caused damages under the Copyright Act. Mr. Carney registered his five (5) works *A Death On*  
8 *Diamond Mountain: A True Story of Obsession, Madness, and The Path To Enlightenment; The*  
9 *Red Market; The Wedge; The Vortex*, and *What Doesn't Kill Us* prior to Defendants' infringement  
10 with the United States Copyright Office, and he seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per  
11 work, for a total of up to \$750,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

12 40. Plaintiff **Anne Canadeo** is a resident of Northport, New York. Ms. Canadeo is the  
13 author of over 40 works of fiction, best known for the acclaimed Black Sheep Knitting Mysteries  
14 series and the *New York Times* bestselling *Cape Light* and *Angel Island* novels. She began her  
15 career as a journalist, serving as the Denver correspondent for Environment Reporter and as a  
16 reporter for Sun News in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, before moving to New York where she worked  
17 for many years as a fiction editor. Ms. Canadeo launched the *Black Sheep Knitting Mysteries*  
18 series with *While My Pretty One Knits* (2009), which Publisher's Weekly described as "a crafty  
19 first of a new cozy series," and the series has grown in popularity with each subsequent title; she  
20 also created the Cape Light novel series for artist Thomas Kinkade, ghost-writing twenty-one  
21 titles under the pseudonym Katherine Spencer, and created and wrote the spin-off series *The Inn*  
22 *at Angel Island*, with both series having won the hearts of countless readers worldwide over more  
23 than twenty years. Her forthcoming work, *More Than You Know*, a historical mystery set in post-  
24 war New York City, was published in February 2026. Ms. Canadeo holds a Master's degree from  
25 Columbia University and a Bachelor of Arts from Stony Brook University. Ms. Canadeo is the  
26 author and copyright owner of original literary works that Defendants copied, uploaded,  
27 distributed, and exploited without authorization from Ms. Canadeo, and for which Anthropic  
28 caused damages under the Copyright Act. Ms. Canadeo registered her twelve (12) works *While*

1 *My Pretty One Sleeps; Knit, Purl, Die; A Dark and Stormy Knit; Stitch Before Dying; Till Death*  
2 *Do Us Purl; The Silence of the Llamas; Knit to Kill; Purls and Poison; The Postman Always*  
3 *Purls Twice; A Murder in Mohair; The Baby Plan; and Baby on the Run* prior to Defendants'  
4 infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and she seeks statutory damages of up to  
5 \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$1,800,000 in statutory damages. See Exhibit A.

6 41. Plaintiff **Canadeo** also is the author and copyright owner of original literary works  
7 that, upon information and belief, Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited  
8 without authorization from Ms. Canadeo, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the  
9 Copyright Act and which titles did not appear on the *Bartz v. Anthropic* settlement works list.  
10 Ms. Canadeo registered her 13 titles *Perfect Timing; Sweet Temptation; Paradise Days, Paradise*  
11 *Nights; Squeeze Play; Fact or Fiction Files: UFOs; Ralph Lauren: Master of Fashion; Sam*  
12 *Walton: Giant of Walmart; Charles P. Lazarus: The Titan of Toys "R" Us; Warren G. Harding:*  
13 *29th President of the United States; A Bachelor At the Wedding; Dad In Disguise; Hounds of the*  
14 *Basket Stitch, and Strangers on a Skein*, with the US Copyright Office prior to Defendants'  
15 infringement. She seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to  
16 \$1,950,000 in statutory damages for these works. See Exhibit A.

17 42. Plaintiff **Jordi Castells**<sup>4</sup> is a resident of Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Castells is an  
18 Illustrator, Motion Designer, and Creative Director whose lifelong passion for comic books has  
19 informed both his professional and creative work. Beyond his commercial career, Mr. Castells is  
20 a multidisciplinary creative whose pursuits span writing television pilots and feature screenplays,  
21 performing music live, and collecting comic books and records. He is the illustrator and copyright  
22 owner of an original literary work that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited  
23 without authorization from Mr. Castells, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the  
24 Copyright Act. Mr. Castells registered his one (1) work *Pierced by the Sun* (with Laura Esquivel)  
25 prior to Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and he seeks statutory  
26

27 <sup>4</sup> Plaintiff **Castells** is solely seeking damages based on the torrenting theory of liability and  
28 subject to Court approval in the *Bartz v. Anthropic* action to permit him to opt out of the  
settlement in that action, and intends to pursue all other theories pled in this complaint and seek  
leave to amend the complaint.

1 damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$150,000 in statutory damages. *See*  
2 Exhibit A.

3 43. Plaintiff **Wahida Clark** is a resident of Georgia. Her legal name is Louise Clark.  
4 She is an American author, publisher, and entrepreneur widely recognized as one of the  
5 pioneering voices of modern urban fiction and street literature. Ms. Clark is a four-time *New York*  
6 *Times* bestselling author whose novels have sold over one million copies nationwide and have  
7 become foundational works within the urban fiction genre. Her literary works have appeared on  
8 national bestseller lists and have been distributed through major publishing channels as well as  
9 through independent publishing ventures she developed and operated herself. Ms. Clark is best  
10 known for her Thug series and related literary works, which feature interconnected characters  
11 navigating themes of loyalty, survival, relationships, power, and street culture through both male  
12 and female perspectives. In addition to her success as an author, Ms. Clark played a significant  
13 role in expanding the commercial visibility and legitimacy of urban fiction through independent  
14 publishing and direct-to-market distribution strategies that helped shape the genre's growth and  
15 influence subsequent generations of writers and publishers. Ms. Clark is the author and copyright  
16 owner of original literary works that Defendants copied, reproduced, distributed, and exploited  
17 without authorization, causing damages under the Copyright Act. Ms. Clark registered her ten  
18 (10) works — *Every Thug Needs a Lady*; *Thugs and the Women Who Love Them*; *Thug Lovin'*;  
19 *What's Really Hood!*; *Thug Matrimony*; *Payback with Ya Life*; *Honor Thy Thug*; *The Golden*  
20 *Hustla*; *Justify My Thug*; and *Payback Ain't Enough* — with the United States Copyright Office  
21 prior to Defendants' infringement and seeks up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to  
22 \$1,500,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

23 44. Plaintiff **Wahida Clark Presents Publishing LLC** ("WCPP") is a Nevada  
24 company, and is an independent publishing company owned and operated by Plaintiff Wahida  
25 Clark. WCPP publishes, distributes, licenses, and manages original literary works and intellectual  
26 property assets within the urban fiction genre. Through WCPP and its predecessor publishing  
27 ventures, Ms. Clark helped pioneer author-led independent publishing models within street  
28 literature, contributing to the genre's commercial growth and broader market acceptance. As the

1 publishing entity and/or copyright holder for certain literary works identified in Anthropic’s  
2 dataset disclosures, WCPP owns and manages copyrighted works that Defendants copied,  
3 reproduced, distributed, and exploited without authorization, causing damages under the  
4 Copyright Act. WCPP registered its ten (10) works — *Karma 2*; *Lickin’ License*; *The Game of*  
5 *Deception*; *A Life for a Life*; *Lickin’ License II*; *Nude Awakening*; *Under Pressure*; *The Pussy*  
6 *Trap*; *Flippin’ the Hustle*, and *Karma with a Vengeance* — and seeks statutory damages of up to  
7 \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$1,500,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

8 45. Plaintiff **Suzanne Cope** is a resident of Brooklyn, New York. Dr. Cope is an  
9 American author, narrative journalist, scholar, and educator whose work bridges food history,  
10 cultural studies, feminism, and social change, and who holds a doctorate and serves as a professor  
11 of writing and narrative at New York University. Her writing has appeared in major national and  
12 international outlets including *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, *The Washington Post*, the BBC,  
13 the *Los Angeles Review of Books*, *Food & Wine*, and *Aeon*, exploring topics related to food,  
14 culture, power, and politics. Dr. Cope is the author of *Small Batch: Pickles, Cheese, Chocolate,*  
15 *Spirits, and the Return of Artisanal Food* (2014), which examines the craft and culture of small-  
16 batch food production, connecting culinary craftsmanship to cultural identity, economic history,  
17 and foodways, and *Power Hungry: Women of the Black Panther Party and Freedom Summer and*  
18 *Their Fight to Feed a Movement* (2021), which tells the stories of women activists who used food  
19 programs as tools of political strategy and community building in movements for racial and social  
20 justice. Her forthcoming work, *Women of War: The Italian Assassins, Spies, and Couriers Who*  
21 *Fought the Nazis* (2025), uses narrative history and scholarship to illuminate the roles of Italian  
22 women in the anti-fascist resistance during World War II, spotlighting figures often omitted from  
23 mainstream histories. Dr. Cope is the author and copyright owner of an original literary work that  
24 Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Dr. Cope, and  
25 for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Dr. Cope registered her one (1)  
26 work *Small Batch: Pickles, Cheese, Chocolate, Spirits, and the Return of Artisanal Foods* prior to  
27 Defendants’ infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and she seeks statutory  
28 damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$150,000 in statutory damages. *See*

1 Exhibit A.

2 46. Plaintiff **Julie Cross** is a resident of California. Ms. Cross is an American author  
3 best known for her young adult and contemporary fiction, particularly in the science fiction, time-  
4 travel, and romance genres, whose career spans traditionally published novels, collaborative  
5 works, and contemporary romance written for both young adult and adult audiences. She rose to  
6 prominence with her debut novel *Tempest*, a young adult science fiction novel centered on time  
7 travel and romantic suspense that received significant attention within the YA market for its blend  
8 of high-concept speculative elements and emotionally driven storytelling, and which she followed  
9 with the sequels *Vortex* and *Timestorm*. Ms. Cross subsequently expanded into contemporary  
10 romance and sports-themed young adult fiction, including *Letters to Nowhere*, *Whatever Life*  
11 *Throws at You*, *Breaking the Ice*, *Off the Ice*, *Chasing Truth*, and *Third Degree*, demonstrating  
12 genre flexibility while maintaining a consistent focus on character development, emotional  
13 resilience, and relationship-driven narratives. Her career reflects the evolution of young adult  
14 commercial fiction in the 2010s, particularly the blending of speculative genre elements with  
15 romance-driven storytelling, and her transition into adult romance and collaborative writing  
16 further reflects adaptability across evolving publishing formats, including digital and genre-  
17 focused markets. Ms. Cross is the author and copyright owner of original literary works that  
18 Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Ms. Cross,  
19 and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Ms. Cross registered her nine  
20 (9) works *Letters to Nowhere*; *Chasing Truth*; *Breaking the Ice*; *Timestorm*; *Vortex*; *Off the Ice*;  
21 *Tempest*; *Whatever Life Throws at You*; and *Third Degree* prior to Defendants' infringement with  
22 the United States Copyright Office, and she seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work,  
23 for a total of up to \$1,350,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

24 47. Plaintiff **Ron Currie, Jr.** is a resident of Maine. Mr. Currie is an American  
25 novelist, short-story writer, and screenwriter whose work blends literary fiction with speculative,  
26 existential, and genre-bending elements, and who was raised in Waterville, Maine, where the  
27 region's mill towns, Franco-American communities, and cultural histories have deeply informed  
28 his writing. He emerged on the literary scene with his debut collection *God Is Dead* (2007),

1 which received widespread critical acclaim, and has since published several other novels, a body  
2 of work that displays growing ambition and scope and has drawn comparisons to Kurt Vonnegut  
3 for its use of dark humor and absurdity to explore questions of meaning, mortality, and human  
4 frailty. In addition to his literary career, Mr. Currie is a screenwriter who has worked on the  
5 Apple TV+ series *Extrapolations* and developed projects with major production companies  
6 including AMC Studios, Amblin Television, and ITV America, and he teaches in the University  
7 of Southern Maine's Stonecoast MFA program. His fiction consistently occupies a rare space  
8 between literary realism and bold speculative imagination, exploring themes of faith, apocalypse,  
9 identity, addiction, and the undercurrents of violence in quiet places, while rooting surreal  
10 narratives in the recognizable cultural specificity of New England and Franco-American heritage.  
11 Mr. Currie is the author and copyright owner of original literary works that Defendants copied,  
12 uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Mr. Currie, and for which  
13 Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Mr. Currie registered his four (4) works  
14 *Everything Matters!; Flimsy Little Plastic Miracles; God Is Dead.; and The One-Eyed Man* prior  
15 to Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and he seeks statutory  
16 damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$600,000 in statutory damages. *See*  
17 Exhibit A.

18 48. Plaintiff **Victoria David** is a resident of Texas. Ms. David, writing under the pen  
19 name Victoria Danann, is an American author known for her work in speculative fiction, and is  
20 best recognized for creating expansive series such as *Knights of Black Swan*, which blends  
21 romance, high fantasy and supernatural mythology in contemporary settings. She emerged during  
22 the rise of digital independent publishing in the early 2010s, building a dedicated readership  
23 through serialized storytelling, recurring characters, and interconnected supernatural worlds. She  
24 has earned *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestseller status along with awards such as Best  
25 Paranormal Romance Series five years in a row. *Knights of Black Swan* (2010) launched what  
26 became a multi-volume saga featuring a secret order of vampire slayers and firmly established her  
27 voice in the indie paranormal romance market through its blend of original themes of warrior  
28 mythos and romantic destiny. Ms. David's broader body of work within this universe includes A

1 *Tale of Two Kingdoms*, *Solomon's Sieve*, *Gathering Storm*, *Moonlight*, *The Witch's Dream*, and  
2 *The Summoner's Tale*, among other titles, and her career as a whole illustrates how independent  
3 authors reshaped genre fiction in the digital era by cultivating loyal readerships and building  
4 long-running fantasy universes outside traditional publishing channels. Ms. David is the author  
5 and copyright owner of original literary works that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and  
6 exploited without authorization from Ms. David, and for which Anthropic caused damages under  
7 the Copyright Act. Ms. David, through her pseudonym Victoria Danann, registered her six (6)  
8 works *A Tale of Two Kingdoms*; *Solomon's Sieve*; *Gathering Storm*; *Moonlight*; *The Witch's*  
9 *Dream*; and *The Summoner's Tale* prior to Defendants' infringement with the United States  
10 Copyright Office, and she seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to  
11 \$900,000 in statutory damages. See Exhibit A.

12 49. Plaintiff **Marcy Dermansky** is a resident of New Jersey. Ms. Dermansky is an  
13 acclaimed American novelist, short-story writer, editor, and critic whose work is widely  
14 recognized for its sharp dark humor, emotional depth, and boldly unconventional characters  
15 navigating the messy realities of contemporary life. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from Haverford  
16 College and a Master of Arts from the Center for Writers at the University of Southern  
17 Mississippi, and her fiction and essays have appeared in literary journals including *McSweeney's*,  
18 *Guernica*, and *The Indiana Review*, as well as in the anthology *Goodbye to All That: Writers on*  
19 *Loving and Leaving New York*. Ms. Dermansky is the author of six novels: *Twins* (2005), selected  
20 as a *New York Times* Editor's Choice Pick; *Bad Marie* (2010), a Barnes & Noble Discover New  
21 Writers selection; *The Red Car* (2016), named a Best Book of the Year by *BuzzFeed*, the *San*  
22 *Francisco Chronicle*, and *The Huffington Post* and a *New York Times* Editors' Choice Pick; *Very*  
23 *Nice* (2019) and *Hurricane Girl* (2022), both featured in *The New York Times*, NPR, and *The*  
24 *Washington Post*; and *Hot Air* (2025). In addition to her novels, Ms. Dermansky has contributed  
25 to contemporary literary culture through her work as a film critic, editor, and essayist, and  
26 through her contributions to literary journals and anthologies. Ms. Dermansky is the author and  
27 copyright owner of original literary works that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and  
28 exploited without authorization from Ms. Dermansky, and for which Anthropic caused damages

1 under the Copyright Act. Ms. Dermansky registered her four (4) works *Bad Marie*; *The Red Car*;  
2 *Twins*; and *Very Nice* prior to Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright Office,  
3 and she seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$600,000 in  
4 statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

5 50. Plaintiff **Jim DiEugenio** is a resident of California. Mr. DiEugenio is an American  
6 historian, author, editor, screenwriter, and investigative researcher best known for his extensive  
7 work on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and other major political assassinations  
8 of the 1960s, whose career spans decades of writing books, editing research publications,  
9 contributing to documentary films, and challenging mainstream historical narratives through  
10 meticulous primary document analysis. He earned an M.A. in Contemporary American History  
11 from California State University, Northridge, and previously worked as a history teacher before  
12 becoming a full-time author and researcher. Mr. DiEugenio is the author of *Destiny Betrayed:*  
13 *JFK, Cuba, and the Garrison Case* (1992; revised 2012), a comprehensive examination of the Jim  
14 Garrison investigation focusing on documents and evidence often overlooked by mainstream  
15 histories; *Reclaiming Parkland* (2013, expanded as *The JFK Assassination: The Evidence Today*),  
16 a critique of Vincent Bugliosi's *Reclaiming History* and its influence on public perceptions and  
17 film representation; and co-editor of *The Assassinations: Probe Magazine on JFK, MLK, RFK*  
18 *and Malcolm X* (2003). He co-founded and co-edited *Probe Magazine* (1993–2000), a journal  
19 devoted to assassination research and primary document analysis, has edited the Kennedys and  
20 King website since the early 2000s, and in 2021 wrote the screenplays for Oliver Stone's  
21 documentaries *JFK Revisited: Through the Looking Glass* and *JFK: Destiny Betrayed*, bringing  
22 years of archival research to broad public audiences. Mr. DiEugenio is the author and copyright  
23 owner of original literary works that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited  
24 without authorization from Mr. DiEugenio, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the  
25 Copyright Act. Mr. DiEugenio registered his one (1) work *Destiny Betrayed: JFK, Cuba, and the*  
26 *Garrison Case* (original edition/co-authored by Plaintiff **Zachary Sklar**) prior to Defendants'  
27 infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and he seeks statutory damages of up to  
28 \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$150,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

1           51. Plaintiff **Jim DiEugenio** also is the author and copyright owner of original literary  
2 works that, upon information and belief, Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited  
3 without authorization from **DiEugenio**, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the  
4 Copyright Act and which titles did not appear on the *Bartz v. Anthropic* settlement works list.  
5 **DiEugenio** registered his one (1) title *Tom Hanks, Gary Goetzman and Bugliosi's Bungle* with  
6 the US Copyright Office prior to Defendants' infringement. He seeks statutory damages of up to  
7 \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$150,000 in statutory damages for this work. See Exhibit  
8 A.

9           52. Plaintiff **Zachary Sklar** is a resident of New York. Mr. Sklar is a screenwriter,  
10 journalist, author, and editor. He is best known as coauthor (with Oliver Stone) of the Academy  
11 Award-nominated screenplay for the film *JFK. La Fiesta del Chivo*, an adaptation (with Luis  
12 Llosa and Augusto Cabado) of Mario Vargas-Llosa's novel about Dominican dictator Rafael  
13 Trujillo, premiered at the Berlin Film Festival in February 2006. His adaptation (with U-Wei bin  
14 Haji-Saari) of Joseph Conrad's first novel *Almayer's Folly*, now entitled *Hanyut*, premiered in  
15 Dubai in 2012. Sklar has served as a creative adviser at screenwriting labs for Sundance (Utah),  
16 Sundance International (Mexico, Brazil, Cuba, Ecuador, Turkey, Greece, and Spain), Equinoxe  
17 (France), the Australian Film Commission, the Royal Jordanian Film Commission, and Johns  
18 Hopkins University. He also teaches screenwriting for the Harlem Dramatic Writing Workshop in  
19 New York. Sklar co-wrote (with Marvin Barrett) a book of media criticism, *The Eye of the Storm:*  
20 *The DuPont-Columbia Survey of Broadcast Journalism* (Lippincott-Crowell). As a freelance  
21 journalist, he has written for many publications, including *The New York Times*, *The Washington*  
22 *Post*, *Geo*, *Scenario*, *The American Scholar*, *The Nation*, and *Huffington Post*. Sklar has edited  
23 numerous non-fiction books, including the number-one-bestselling *On the Trail of the Assassins*  
24 by Jim Garrison, from which the film *JFK* was adapted; *Moving the Bar: My Life as a Radical*  
25 *Lawyer* by Michael Ratner; *Profits of War* by former Israeli intelligence operative Ari Ben-  
26 Menashe; *Deadly Deceits* by former CIA case officer Ralph McGehee; *Footnote on an Historic*  
27 *Case: In Re Alger Hiss* by William A. Reuben; and *Brilliant Bylines: Notable Newspaperwomen*  
28 *in America* by Barbara Belford. Sklar taught at the Columbia University Graduate School of

1 Journalism for a decade and served as Executive Editor of *The Nation*, the oldest weekly in the  
2 U.S., and as Editor of *Juris Doctor*, a monthly legal magazine. In addition to his Oscar  
3 nomination, Sklar also received best screenplay award nominations for *JFK* from the Writers  
4 Guild of America, the Golden Globes, the Mystery Writers of America, and the British Academy  
5 of Film and Television Arts. Mr. Sklar is the author and copyright owner of an original literary  
6 work that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Mr.  
7 Sklar, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Mr. Sklar registered his  
8 one (1) work *Destiny Betrayed: JFK, Cuba, and the Garrison case* (co-authored and co-owned  
9 with Plaintiff **Jim DiEugenio**) prior to Defendants' infringement with the United States  
10 Copyright Office, and he seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to  
11 \$150,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

12 53. Plaintiff **Jim Dutcher** is a resident of Idaho. Mr. Dutcher is an American wildlife  
13 naturalist, filmmaker, photographer, author, and conservationist who began his career producing  
14 and directing wildlife documentaries in collaboration with the National Geographic Society, and  
15 whose professional focus increasingly shifted toward wolf behavior and conservation. He is best  
16 known as the co-founder of the Sawtooth Wolf Project — a six-year immersive field study in  
17 Idaho in which he and his co-author lived in close proximity to a gray wolf pack, documenting  
18 natural wolf behavior, social structure, and communication in order to challenge public  
19 misconceptions and promote conservation — and for the documentary films produced from that  
20 fieldwork, including *Wolves at Our Door*. Mr. Dutcher co-founded Living with Wolves, Ltd., a  
21 nonprofit organization dedicated to wolf education, public outreach, youth engagement, and  
22 advocacy for wolf protection and human-wildlife coexistence, and has been a prominent voice in  
23 debates surrounding wolf reintroduction, predator management, and ecosystem balance. He is the  
24 co-author of *The Hidden Life of Wolves* and *The Wisdom of Wolves*, works that combine  
25 photography, field observations, and narrative reflections connecting wolf social systems with  
26 broader themes of community, leadership, and ecological balance. Mr. Dutcher is the recipient of  
27 a Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Cinematography and a News & Documentary Emmy  
28 Award for Outstanding Informational/Cultural Programming. Mr. Dutcher is the co-author and

1 co-copyright owner along with Plaintiff **Jamie Dutcher** of an original literary work that  
2 Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Mr. Dutcher,  
3 and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Mr. Dutcher registered his  
4 one (1) work *The Wisdom of Wolves* prior to Defendants' infringement with the United States  
5 Copyright Office, and he seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to  
6 \$150,000 in statutory damages. See Exhibit A.

7 54. Plaintiff **Jim Dutcher** also is the co-author and co-copyright owner of original  
8 literary works that, upon information and belief, Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and  
9 exploited without authorization from **Dutcher**, and for which Anthropic caused damages under  
10 the Copyright Act and which titles did not appear on the *Bartz v. Anthropic* works list. **Dutcher**  
11 registered his four (4) titles *Wolves At Our Door: The Extraordinary Story Of The Couple Who*  
12 *Lived With Wolves; Living with Wolves; A Friend for Lakota - The Incredible True Story of a*  
13 *Wolf Who Braved Bullying*, and *Running with Wolves: Our Story of Life with the Sawtooth Pack*  
14 with the US Copyright Office prior to Defendants' infringement. He seeks statutory damages of  
15 up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$600,000 in statutory damages for these works. See  
16 Exhibit A.

17 55. Plaintiff **Jamie Dutcher** is a resident of Idaho. Ms. Dutcher is an American  
18 wildlife filmmaker, sound recordist, photographer, author, and conservation advocate whose  
19 career has centered on wildlife conservation, storytelling, and reshaping public perceptions of  
20 wolves through immersive fieldwork, documentary production, and public education. She is best  
21 known as the co-founder of the Sawtooth Wolf Project — a six-year immersive field study in  
22 Idaho in which she and her co-author lived in close proximity to a gray wolf pack, documenting  
23 natural wolf behavior, social structure, and communication in order to challenge public  
24 misconceptions and promote conservation — and for the documentary films produced from that  
25 fieldwork, including *Wolves at Our Door*, which portrayed wolves as highly social and intelligent  
26 animals defined by complex family bonds, cooperative behavior, and emotional depth. Ms.  
27 Dutcher received a Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Sound Mixing. Ms. Dutcher co-  
28 founded Living with Wolves, Ltd., a nonprofit organization dedicated to wolf education, public

1 outreach, youth engagement, and advocacy for wolf protection and human-wildlife coexistence,  
2 and has contributed to policy advocacy and educational initiatives aimed at countering anti-wolf  
3 sentiment and promoting evidence-based conservation. She is the co-author of *The Hidden Life of*  
4 *Wolves* and *The Wisdom of Wolves*, works that combine photography, field observations, and  
5 narrative reflections connecting wolf social systems with broader themes of community,  
6 leadership, and ecological balance. Ms. Dutcher is the co-author and copyright co-owner along  
7 with Plaintiff **Jim Dutcher** of an original literary work that Defendants copied, uploaded,  
8 distributed, and exploited without authorization from Ms. Dutcher, and for which Anthropic  
9 caused damages under the Copyright Act. Ms. Dutcher registered her one (1) work *The Wisdom*  
10 *of Wolves* prior to Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and she  
11 seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$150,000 in statutory  
12 damages. See Exhibit A.

13 56. Plaintiff **Jamie Dutcher** also is the co-author and co-copyright owner of original  
14 literary works that, upon information and belief, Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and  
15 exploited without authorization from **Jamie Dutcher**, and for which Anthropic caused damages  
16 under the Copyright Act and which titles did not appear on the *Bartz v. Anthropic* works list.  
17 **Dutcher** registered her four (4) titles *Wolves At Our Door: The Extraordinary Story Of The*  
18 *Couple Who Lived With Wolves; Living with Wolves; A Friend for Lakota - The Incredible True*  
19 *Story of a Wolf Who Braved Bullying*, and *Running with Wolves: Our Story of Life with the*  
20 *Sawtooth Pack* with the US Copyright Office prior to Defendants' infringement. She seeks  
21 statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$600,000 in statutory damages  
22 for these works. See Exhibit A.

23 57. Plaintiff **Ginny Dye** is a resident of Maine. Ms. Dye, who also publishes under the  
24 pen name Virginia Gaffney, is an American novelist best known for her prolific writing of  
25 historical fiction, particularly through *The Bregdan Chronicles*, a long-running epic saga set  
26 during the American Civil War and Reconstruction era. Born in North Carolina, she describes  
27 herself as a wanderer at heart, having lived across many parts of the United States and drawn on  
28 diverse life experiences — including managing horse ranches in Texas and Oregon and working

1 with teens nationwide — before focusing on writing full-time; her writing career began in earnest  
2 during a period of illness in her early adulthood, when she wrote her first book to keep herself  
3 engaged, a work that ultimately became her first published novel. Ms. Dye has since authored  
4 more than 30 novels spanning multiple series, including *The Bregdan Chronicles*, the young adult  
5 series *Pepper Crest High*, and the children’s 19 volume BEDtime Book Series (My Best Ever  
6 Dreams), demonstrating versatility across genres and age audiences while maintaining a  
7 consistent focus on historical immersion, character-driven narratives, and themes of resilience,  
8 hope, and personal transformation. She is also the founder of the Millions For Positive Change  
9 organization, dedicated to fostering a community passionate about living meaningful and  
10 impactful lives. Ms. Dye is the author and copyright owner of original literary works that  
11 Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Ms. Dye, and  
12 for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Ms. Dye registered her six (6)  
13 works *Shifted by the Winds* (Book #8 in the *Bregdan Chronicles*); *Always Forward* (Book #9 in  
14 the *Bregdan Chronicles*); *Walking into the Unknown* (Book #10 in the *Bregdan Chronicles*);  
15 *Glimmers of Change* (Book #7 in the *Bregdan Chronicles*); *Carried Forward by Hope* (Book #6  
16 in the *Bregdan Chronicles*), and *The Last Long Night* (Book #5 in the *Bregdan Chronicles*) prior  
17 to Defendants’ infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and she seeks statutory  
18 damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$900,000 in statutory  
19 damages. *See* Exhibit A.

20 58. Plaintiff **Sarah Edmondson Inc.** is a company owned by **Sarah Edmondson** who  
21 is a resident of Georgia. Ms. Edmondson is a Canadian actress-turned-author, podcaster, and cult-  
22 recovery advocate whose career bridges storytelling, activism, and education, and who began her  
23 professional journey as an actress and voice artist appearing in television and film before  
24 becoming one of the primary whistleblowers exposing the abuses of NXIVM, a self-improvement  
25 organization later exposed as a coercive cult. Her 2019 memoir, *Scarred: The True Story of How*  
26 *I Escaped NXIVM, the Cult That Bound My Life* (with Kristine Gasbarre, Chronicle Books),  
27 became an international success, illuminating the psychological mechanisms of control and the  
28 courage required to leave high-control systems, and her story has been featured in *The New York*

1 *Times* and HBO's *The Vow*. Beyond writing, Ms. Edmondson co-hosts the podcast *A Little Bit*  
2 *Culty* with her husband, Anthony "Nippy" Ames, interviewing survivors, experts, and journalists  
3 to expose manipulative dynamics in wellness, spiritual, and personal-growth communities, and  
4 she delivers keynote talks and workshops worldwide, including a TEDx Talk titled "How to Spot  
5 a Cult," offering practical tools for critical thinking, emotional intelligence, and boundary-setting.  
6 Through her writing, podcasting, and public speaking, Ms. Edmondson has elevated the global  
7 conversation around psychological manipulation, critical awareness, and ethical wellness culture,  
8 and her work continues to influence how mainstream media, mental health professionals, and the  
9 public understand cult recovery and the complex path to reclaiming one's autonomy. Sarah  
10 Edmondson Inc. is the copyright owner of *Scarred* as employer for hire, and the work was copied,  
11 uploaded, distributed, and exploited by Defendants without authorization, causing damages under  
12 the Copyright Act. Sarah Edmondson Inc. owns her one (1) work *Scarred*, originally registered  
13 under Sarah Edmondson Inc., and by written assignment, owns the work. She caused the work to  
14 be registered with the United States Copyright Office prior to Defendants' infringement, and  
15 seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$150,000 in statutory  
16 damages. *See* Exhibit A.

17 59. Plaintiff **Mara Einstein** is a resident of New York. Dr. Einstein is a distinguished  
18 scholar, author, and critic whose career focuses on the intersection of marketing, media, consumer  
19 culture, and power, and who began her career as an executive in corporate marketing working  
20 with major brands at organizations including NBC, MTV Networks, and top advertising agencies  
21 before transitioning into academia. She holds a Ph.D. in Media Ecology from New York  
22 University and an MBA from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management, and serves as a  
23 tenured professor and former chair in the Department of Media Studies at Queens College,  
24 CUNY, bringing more than a decade of professional experience in marketing and media to her  
25 scholarship and 25 years in the academic world. Dr. Einstein is the author of several influential  
26 books including *Brands of Faith: Marketing Religion in a Commercial Age* (2008); *Compassion,*  
27 *Inc.: How Corporate America Blurs the Line between What We Buy, Who We Are and Those We*  
28 *Help* (2012); *Black Ops Advertising: Native Ads, Content Marketing and the Covert World of the*

1 *Digital Sell* (2016); and *Advertising: What Everyone Needs to Know* (2017) and *Hoodwinked:*  
2 *How Marketers Use the Same Tactics as Cults* (2025), works that collectively examine how  
3 marketing and media shape society and how individuals are manipulated through branding, native  
4 advertising, influencer culture, and cause marketing. Her work has been cited by *The New York*  
5 *Times*, *The Guardian*, *Bloomberg Businessweek*, and *The Wall Street Journal*, and her scholarship  
6 consistently bridges academic research and practical industry insight to empower readers and  
7 audiences to recognize and resist manipulative marketing tactics. Dr. Einstein is the author and  
8 copyright owner of original literary works that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and  
9 exploited without authorization from Dr. Einstein, and for which Anthropic caused damages  
10 under the Copyright Act. Dr. Einstein registered her three (3) works *Advertising: What Everyone*  
11 *Needs to Know*; *Brands of Faith*; *Compassion, Inc.: How Corporate America Blurs the Line*  
12 *between What We Buy, Who We Are, and Those We Help* prior to Defendants' infringement with  
13 the United States Copyright Office, and she seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work,  
14 for a total of up to \$450,000 in statutory damages. See Exhibit A.

15           60. Plaintiff **Rip Esselstyn** is a Texas resident, former world-class triathlete,  
16 firefighter, number one *New York Times* bestselling author, entrepreneur, and leading plant-based  
17 nutrition advocate. A standout All-American swimmer at the University of Texas at Austin, Mr.  
18 Esselstyn competed in the 1984 U.S. Olympic Trials and, in 2019, set the World Record in the  
19 200-meter backstroke for men ages 55–59. He served as a firefighter with the City of Austin from  
20 1997 to 2009. During that time, he introduced a whole-food, plant-based diet to Austin's Engine 2  
21 Firehouse to reverse a fellow firefighter's serious health issues—an experiment that became the  
22 foundation for his national bestselling book, *The Engine 2 Diet* (2009). That book, which  
23 powerfully demonstrates the life-changing benefits of plant-based nutrition, is prominently  
24 featured in the acclaimed documentary *Forks Over Knives*. Mr. Esselstyn is the founder and CEO  
25 of Plant Strong, through which he develops and delivers nutrition education programs for  
26 individuals, families, corporations, and organizations worldwide. He hosts the Plant Strong  
27 Podcast, which consistently ranks among the top ten nutrition podcasts in the United States. He  
28 also served as executive producer of the 2019 documentary *The Game Changers*, which explores

1 the relationship between plant-based nutrition, protein, and elite athletic performance. He is the  
2 author of four books, including *The Engine 2 Diet* (2009), *Plant-Strong* (2014), *The Engine 2*  
3 *Seven-Day Rescue Diet* (2017), and *The Engine 2 Cookbook* (2018). He has appeared on  
4 hundreds of national television and radio programs, including the Today Show, CBS Sunday  
5 Morning, and Good Morning America. Mr. Esselstyn is the author and copyright owner of the  
6 original literary works that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without  
7 authorization. He registered *The Engine 2 Diet* and *The Engine 2 Seven-Day Rescue Diet* with the  
8 United States Copyright Office prior to the infringement and seeks statutory damages of up to  
9 \$150,000 per infringed work, for a total of up to \$300,000. See Exhibit A.

10 61. Plaintiff **Rip Esselstyn** also is the author and copyright owner of original literary  
11 works that, upon information and belief, Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited  
12 without authorization from **Rip Esselstyn**, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the  
13 Copyright Act and which titles did not appear on the *Bartz v. Anthropic* settlement works list.  
14 **Rip Esselstyn** registered his two (2) titles *My Beef with Meat: The Healthiest Argument for*  
15 *Eating a Plant Strong Diet* and *The Engine 2 Cookbook: More Than 130 Lip-Smacking, Rib-*  
16 *Sticking, Body Slimming Recipes to Live Plant Strong* with the US Copyright Office prior to  
17 Defendants' infringement. He seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of  
18 up to \$300,000 in statutory damages for these works. See Exhibit A.

19 62. Plaintiff **Jane Esselstyn** is a resident of Ohio. She is a nurse, researcher, and  
20 mother to creating on-ramps to the plant-based way of life. Ms. Esselstyn is an avid and inventive  
21 designer of plant-based recipes and the co-author of the *New York Times* Bestseller, *Be a Plant-*  
22 *Based Woman Warrior: Live Fierce, Stay Bold, Eat Delicious*, and *The Prevent and Reverse*  
23 *Heart Disease Cookbook* with her mom, Ann Esselstyn. They present their work, research, and  
24 high energy demos around the world and on her YouTube channel. Ms. Esselstyn also created  
25 the recipe section of #1 NYTimes bestseller, *Plant-Strong*, and *The Seven Day Rescue*, by Rip  
26 Esselstyn. She is co-author of *The Engine 2 Cookbook*. Her research with the Cleveland Clinic's  
27 Department of Pediatrics observes the effects of a plant-based diet on pediatric obesity and  
28 hypercholesterolemia. The Journal of Pediatrics published one of their studies in February of

1 2015 where Ms. **Esselstyn** created the classroom curriculum and the kitchen curriculum for the  
2 study. The Journal of Pediatrics published a second research study of theirs in September 2022.  
3 She graduated from the University of Michigan, where she competed nationally as a recruited  
4 swimmer and rower, and earned a B.S. in Nursing from Kent State University. Plaintiff **Jane**  
5 **Esselstyn** registered her two (2) works *The Prevent And Reverse Heart Disease Cookbook* and  
6 *Prevent and reverse heart disease* (authored by Dr. Caldwell B. Esselstyn, Jr. and assigned by  
7 written agreement) prior to Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright Office,  
8 and she seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$300,000 in  
9 statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

10 63. Plaintiff **Ben L. Evridge** is a resident of Idaho. Mr. Evridge is a technical author  
11 and mechanical expert known for writing practical, accessible nonfiction focused on mechanical  
12 systems — particularly marine mechanics — whose work is grounded in two decades of hands-on  
13 experience maintaining large fishing vessel fleets in Kodiak, Alaska, under demanding marine  
14 conditions. That real-world expertise underpins his ability to translate complex mechanical issues  
15 into commonsense, actionable guidance for boat owners and marine technicians, and  
16 distinguishes his writing from abstract or purely theoretical technical manuals. Mr. Evridge is the  
17 author of *Practical Boat Mechanics: Commonsense Ways to Prevent, Diagnose, and Repair*  
18 *Engines and Mechanical Problems*, a comprehensive hands-on guide for diagnosing, maintaining,  
19 and repairing boat engines and marine mechanical systems. *Practical Boat Mechanics* includes  
20 roughly 100 pages of material enabling novice boaters to troubleshoot marine systems by the five  
21 senses, sight, sound, touch, smell, and yes, that includes tasting some fluids. He is also the co-  
22 author, with Erich J. Schulz, of the *Diesel Mechanics* textbook and student workbook, widely  
23 used for instruction in engine diagnosis, repair, and maintenance. He has also contributed  
24 regularly to industry publications including *National Fisherman*, sharing insights and practical  
25 advice with professionals in the commercial fishing and marine industries. Mr. Evridge is the  
26 author and copyright owner of an original literary work that Defendants copied, uploaded,  
27 distributed, and exploited without authorization from Mr. Evridge, and for which Anthropic  
28 caused damages under the Copyright Act. Mr. Evridge registered his one (1) work *Practical Boat*

1 *Mechanics: Commonsense Ways to Prevent, Diagnose, and Repair Engines and Mechanical*  
2 *Problems* prior to Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and he  
3 seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$150,000 in statutory  
4 damages. *See* Exhibit A.

5 64. Plaintiff **Nir Eyal** is a resident of New York. Mr. Eyal is an author, educator,  
6 consultant, and entrepreneur best known for his influential work on behavioral design, habit  
7 formation, and distraction management, whose writing blends psychology, technology, and  
8 business to help companies build engaging products and to help individuals and organizations  
9 reclaim focus and productivity. He earned a B.A. from Emory University and an MBA from the  
10 Stanford Graduate School of Business, where he has lectured on applied behavioral psychology  
11 and marketing, and has also taught at the Hasso Plattner Institute of Design at Stanford; early in  
12 his career he worked in video gaming and advertising, gaining firsthand experience with  
13 techniques of user engagement that he would later both analyze and critique in his writing. Mr.  
14 Eyal is the author of two major bestselling works: *Hooked: How to Build Habit-Forming*  
15 *Products* (2014), a Wall Street Journal bestseller that introduced the Hook Model — a  
16 foundational framework for designers and product teams explaining how products create user  
17 habits through a loop of triggers, actions, rewards, and investment — and *Indistractable: How to*  
18 *Control Your Attention and Choose Your Life* (2019), which was named among the Best Business  
19 and Personal Development Books of the Year by Amazon and Audible and offers evidence-based  
20 strategies for managing distraction and reclaiming intentional focus in an age of constant digital  
21 interruption. His essays and articles have appeared in major publications including the *Harvard*  
22 *Business Review*, *The Atlantic*, *TechCrunch*, *Psychology Today*, and *Time*, and he is an active  
23 angel investor in technology startups and a consultant to organizations on behavioral design and  
24 product strategy. Mr. Eyal is the author and copyright owner of an original literary work that  
25 Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Mr. Eyal, and  
26 for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Mr. Eyal registered his one (1)  
27 work *Indistractable* prior to Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright Office,  
28 and he seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$150,000 in

1 statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

2           65. Plaintiff **Jon Fine** is a resident of New York. Mr. Fine is an American journalist,  
3 author, musician, and commentator known for his deep reporting and incisive analysis on a wide  
4 range of topics: music, business, media, wine, food, and pop culture. His work encompasses  
5 books, major recorded works and musical performances, major newspaper and magazine articles  
6 and columns, podcasts, radio, and documentary and television appearances. He has been Editor in  
7 Chief of *The New Wine Review*, the Editorial Director and Acting Editor-in-Chief of *Inc.*—where  
8 he spent five years in senior roles—an award-winning media columnist for *Business Week*, and an  
9 on-air Contributor to CNBC. His articles have appeared in *GQ*, *Vanity Fair*, and *The Atlantic*,  
10 among many other prominent national outlets. He’s won a James Beard Award for Best Wine  
11 Writing for his work in *Food & Wine*, and his columns in *Business Week* won an award from the  
12 National Headliners Club. During his five years as a top editor at *Inc.*, that magazine was a two-  
13 time finalist for the top National Magazine Award—General Excellence. He has also been a noted  
14 musician in multiple bands; with them he has recorded extensively and performed in more than a  
15 dozen countries scattered across three continents. Those experiences in music are the subject of  
16 his book *Your Band Sucks: What I Saw At Indie Rock’s Failed Revolution (But Can No Longer*  
17 *Hear)* (2015), which won critical acclaim in outlets ranging from *The New York Times* to *Esquire*  
18 to *The Atlantic* to *The Dallas Morning News* to *The Philippine Star*. Mr. Fine is the author and  
19 copyright owner of an original literary work that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and  
20 exploited without authorization from Mr. Fine, and for which Anthropic caused damages under  
21 the Copyright Act. Mr. Fine registered his one (1) work *Your Band Sucks: What I Saw at Indie*  
22 *Rock’s Failed Revolution (But Can No Longer Hear)* prior to Defendants’ infringement with the  
23 United States Copyright Office, and he seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a  
24 total of up to \$150,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

25           66. Plaintiff **Karen Siff-Exkorn** is a resident of New York. Ms. Siff-Exkorn is a  
26 bestselling author, award-winning playwright, and screenwriter whose work spans nonfiction,  
27 theater, and film, and who has established herself as a prominent voice in both literary and  
28 advocacy communities. She is the author of *The Autism Sourcebook: Everything You Need to*

1 *Know About Diagnosis, Treatment, Coping and Healing — From a Mother Whose Child*  
2 *Recovered* (HarperCollins, 2005), an internationally bestselling work that was translated into  
3 multiple languages, spawned a special edition published in collaboration with Autism Speaks for  
4 worldwide distribution, and led to Ms. Siff-Exkorn’s appearances on Good Morning America, the  
5 Today Show, CNN, CBS, PBS, The View, NBC Nightly News, and Nightline, and in *The New*  
6 *York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*. She is also the author of *Fifty Two Shades of Blue-ish*  
7 (Orange Press, 2012) and a contributing writer to the *Huffington Post*, Thrive Global, and  
8 Today.com. As a playwright, Ms. Siff-Exkorn’s works have been produced globally, with her  
9 current solo play in plans to be produced in London by a Tony Award-winning producer and her  
10 *Six Short Plays About Love* in consideration for a podcast and television series; her screenplay  
11 *Artichoke* won the World Film Festival in Cannes, the Berlin International Screenwriting Festival,  
12 and the New York Independent Cinema Awards. Ms. Siff-Exkorn is the author and copyright  
13 owner of an original literary work that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited  
14 without authorization from Ms. Siff-Exkorn, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the  
15 Copyright Act. Ms. Siff-Exkorn (under Karen Siff Exkorn) registered her one (1) work *The*  
16 *Autism Sourcebook* prior to Defendants’ infringement with the United States Copyright Office,  
17 and she seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$150,000 in  
18 statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

19 67. Plaintiff **Isabelle Gallo** is a resident of New York. Ms. Gallo is an American  
20 fiction author known for writing speculative and fantasy novels that blend imaginative world-  
21 building with character-driven storytelling, exploring themes of memory, identity, self-discovery,  
22 and adaptation to radical circumstances. She is the author of *Opulent* (2012), a speculative fantasy  
23 novel in which the protagonist Chenille East, forced to leave Earth and seek refuge on a  
24 mysterious planet, struggles with memory and identity while navigating a world filled with  
25 danger and uncertainty, and *Candescent*, the second book in The Opalescent Collection, which  
26 continues her exploration of the same speculative world and extended narrative arc. Her  
27 additional works include *Aileron*, the first book in The Aileron Duology, further extending her  
28 speculative fiction repertoire through complex world-building and multi-volume storytelling.

1 Through her creation of The Opalescent Collection and other serialized works, Ms. Gallo  
2 contributes to the tradition of extended narrative fiction within the speculative and fantasy genres,  
3 building reader investment across multiple volumes through richly imagined settings and  
4 psychologically resonant character arcs. Ms. Gallo is the author and copyright owner of original  
5 literary works that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization  
6 from Ms. Gallo, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Ms. Gallo  
7 registered her two (2) works *Candescent* and *Opulent* prior to Defendants' infringement with the  
8 United States Copyright Office, and she seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for  
9 a total of up to \$300,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

10 68. Plaintiff **Stanley Ginsberg** is a resident of California. Mr. Ginsberg is an  
11 American food writer, baking historian, and rye bread specialist widely regarded as one of the  
12 foremost English-language authorities on rye bread, whose work has played a major role in  
13 reviving interest in traditional rye breads and documenting the cultural, technical, and historical  
14 importance of rye baking across Europe and the United States. His writing bridges practical  
15 baking instruction with deep historical research, making complex and often misunderstood rye  
16 traditions accessible to both professional bakers and serious home enthusiasts, and his  
17 contributions have elevated rye baking to the same level of respect as wheat-based artisan bread  
18 in the English-speaking baking world. Mr. Ginsberg is the author of *The Rye Baker: Classic*  
19 *Breads from Europe and America*, the result of extensive firsthand research to study regional rye  
20 breads, milling practices, and fermentation techniques, which combines meticulously tested  
21 recipes with historical context, regional variations, and explanations of rye's unique chemistry  
22 and behavior in baking, documenting traditions from Germany, Poland, Scandinavia, the Baltics,  
23 Eastern Europe, and Jewish and immigrant American baking communities; the book is now  
24 considered a cornerstone text in artisan baking. Beyond his books, Mr. Ginsberg has written  
25 articles and essays on bread, baking traditions, and food history, contributing to the broader  
26 artisan baking movement and the renewed appreciation of grain-based culinary heritage. Mr.  
27 Ginsberg is the author and copyright owner of an original literary work that Defendants copied,  
28 uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Mr. Ginsberg, and for which

1 Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Mr. Ginsberg registered his one (1) work  
2 *The Rye Baker: Classic Breads from Europe and America* prior to Defendants' infringement with  
3 the United States Copyright Office, and he seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work,  
4 for a total of up to \$150,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

5 69. Plaintiff **Reyna Gobel** is a resident of New York. Ms. Gobel is an American  
6 journalist, author, and financial and nutrition commentator whose career focuses on personal  
7 finance, nutrition, pets, parenting economics, education funding, and consumer financial issues,  
8 and who is best known for translating complex financial, pet, and health policies — particularly  
9 those affecting families — into practical, accessible guidance. She built her career as a personal  
10 finance, health, and travel journalist contributing to major national publications and media outlets  
11 such as *US News & World Report*, *Reuters*, *Money*, *National Geographic*, *Harvard Public*  
12 *Health*, and *Scientific American*, with reporting focused on household budgeting, education  
13 savings and student loans, tax policy, healthcare costs, parenting-related financial planning,  
14 nutrition, travel and has appeared on hundreds of television and radio programs as a personal  
15 finance, nutrition, and travel expert providing commentary on college affordability, tax credits for  
16 families, nutrition, travel, and financial planning for parents. Ms. Gobel gained broader  
17 recognition through her books, most notably *CliffsNotes Graduation Debt: How to Manage*  
18 *Student Loans and Live Your Life* editions one through four and counting and *the CliffsNotes*  
19 *Parents Guide to Paying for College*, a series of guides to managing college costs, student loans,  
20 and post-graduation financial planning that blends policy explanation with step-by-step financial  
21 strategy and reflects her particular effectiveness at translating complex government policies and  
22 tax codes into practical action steps for readers. This work has carved out focused niches in  
23 personal finance by addressing the economic realities of parenting and education funding,  
24 combining policy literacy with pragmatic, solution-oriented guidance to help parents and students  
25 make more informed financial decisions during pivotal life transitions. Ms. Gobel is the author  
26 and copyright owner of an original literary work that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed,  
27 and exploited without authorization from Ms. Gobel, and for which Anthropic caused damages  
28 under the Copyright Act. Ms. Gobel registered her one (1) work *CliffsNotes Graduation Debt:*

1 *How to Manage Student Loans and Live Your Life* prior to Defendants' infringement with the  
2 United States Copyright Office, and she seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for  
3 a total of up to \$150,000 in statutory damages. See Exhibit A.

4 70. Plaintiff **Reyna Gobel** also is the author and copyright owner of original literary  
5 works that, upon information and belief, Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited  
6 without authorization from **Gobel**, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright  
7 Act and which titles did not appear on the *Bartz v. Anthropic* works list. **Gobel** registered her two  
8 (2) titles *CliffsNotes Graduation Debt, 2nd Edition: How to Manage Student Loans and Live Your*  
9 *Life and CliffsNotes Parents' Guide to Paying for College and Repaying Student Loans* with the  
10 US Copyright Office prior to Defendants' infringement. She seeks statutory damages of up to  
11 \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$300,000 in statutory damages for these works. See  
12 Exhibit A.

13 71. Plaintiff **David Goodman** is a resident of Vermont. Mr. Goodman is a New York  
14 Times bestselling author, journalist, and host of the public affairs radio show and podcast *The*  
15 *Vermont Conversation*, whose award-winning reporting spans world and national politics, climate  
16 change, adventure travel, and the outdoors, and whose writing has appeared in *The New York*  
17 *Times*, *Mother Jones*, *Outside*, the *Boston Globe*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and other national  
18 publications, including as part of a package that won the National Magazine Award for General  
19 Excellence. He is a graduate of Harvard University and has appeared as a guest on PBS  
20 NewsHour, NPR's *Fresh Air*, *Morning Edition*, C-SPAN, and CNN, among other national  
21 programs. Mr. Goodman is the co-author, with his sister Amy Goodman and Denis Moynihan, of  
22 *Democracy Now! Twenty Years Covering the Movements Changing America* (Simon & Schuster,  
23 2016), and the co-author with Amy Goodman of three additional New York Times bestsellers:  
24 *The Exception to the Rulers* (Hyperion, 2004), *Static* (Hyperion, 2006), and *Standing Up to the*  
25 *Madness* (Hyperion, 2008); he is also the author of *Fault Lines: Journeys Into the New South*  
26 *Africa* (University of California Press, 2002), praised by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and the  
27 nationally award-winning guidebook *Best Backcountry Skiing in the Northeast*, which  
28 *Backcountry Magazine* has called "the bible of Eastern backcountry skiing." In 2023, the

1 Vermont Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame honored Mr. Goodman with the Paul Robbins  
2 Journalism Award in recognition of his contributions to skiing literature and the backcountry  
3 skiing community. Mr. Goodman is the author and copyright owner of an original literary work  
4 that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Mr.  
5 Goodman, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Mr. Goodman,  
6 together with co-authors Amy Goodman and Denis Moynihan, registered their one (1) work  
7 *Democracy Now!* prior to Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and  
8 he seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$150,000 in statutory  
9 damages. *See* Exhibit A.

10 72. Plaintiff **David Goodman** also is the author and copyright owner of original  
11 literary works that, upon information and belief, Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and  
12 exploited without authorization from **Goodman**, and for which Anthropic caused damages under  
13 the Copyright Act and which titles did not appear on the *Bartz v. Anthropic* works list. **Goodman**  
14 registered his four (4) titles *Best Backcountry Skiing in the Northeast*; *Best Backcountry Skiing in*  
15 *the Northeast, Third Edition*; *Backcountry Skiing Adventures: Maine & New Hampshire* and  
16 *Classic Backcountry Skiing: New England* with the US Copyright Office prior to Defendants'  
17 infringement. He seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to  
18 \$600,000 in statutory damages for these works. *See* Exhibit A.

19 73. Plaintiff **Matt Gross** is a resident of New York. Mr. Gross is an American travel  
20 and food writer, author, and editor best known for his work as the "Frugal Traveler" columnist for  
21 *The New York Times*, a role he held from 2006 to 2010 in which his budget-minded, candid style  
22 made travel feel accessible to a wide audience by demonstrating how curiosity and flexibility  
23 could drive meaningful journeys regardless of means. He graduated from Johns Hopkins  
24 University and soon after moved to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, marking the beginning of his  
25 career as a global traveler and writer; over the course of his career he wrote nearly 200 stories for  
26 the *New York Times* Travel section, created and contributed to the Times' "Getting Lost" series  
27 focused on spontaneous, unplanned travel, and has written for publications including *Saveur*,  
28 *Afar*, and *New York Magazine*. Mr. Gross is the author of *The Turk Who Loved Apples: And*

1 *Other Tales of Losing My Way Around the World* (2013), a collection of essays and stories  
2 reflecting decades of travel that emphasizes authentic experience over tourism, exploring the  
3 discomforts, surprises, and human connections encountered across the world. Beyond travel  
4 writing, Mr. Gross has served as web editor of *Bon Appétit*, combining his passions for food and  
5 writing, and co-founded the parenting blog DadWagon.com, reflecting the versatility and  
6 adaptability that has defined his career across travel, food, lifestyle, and family writing. Mr. Gross  
7 is the author and copyright owner of an original literary work that Defendants copied, uploaded,  
8 distributed, and exploited without authorization from Mr. Gross, and for which Anthropic caused  
9 damages under the Copyright Act. Mr. Gross registered his one (1) work *The Turk Who Loved*  
10 *Apples* prior to Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and he seeks  
11 statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$150,000 in statutory damages.  
12 *See Exhibit A.*

13 74. Plaintiff **Thomas Guzman-Sanchez** is a resident of California. Mr. Guzman-  
14 Sanchez is an American dance historian, author, choreographer, and educator widely recognized  
15 as one of the foremost authorities on the development of American urban street dance forms of  
16 Funk Boogaloo, Locking, Popping, Roboting, and B-boying — foundational forms that later  
17 became globally known as hip-hop dance. Born in San Francisco and raised in Reseda, California,  
18 he became involved with street dance in the early 1970s as part of the original generation of urban  
19 street dancers, co-founding the influential dance group Chain Reaction, which pioneered and  
20 popularized funk-based urban street dance forms and, along with his related company United  
21 Street Force, became the only urban street dance company to perform at the White House. Mr.  
22 Guzman-Sanchez combined his artistic practice with decades of scholarship and cultural  
23 preservation, founding the International Urban Dance Master Association, teaching and  
24 promoting street dance history globally, and contributing research that has been incorporated into  
25 curricula at universities including Ohio State, UCLA, UC Riverside and Duke; he also  
26 successfully advocated for the inclusion of terms such as “Locking,” “Popping,” “B-boying,”  
27 “Rocking,” and “Urban Dance” in major dictionaries, including working with the American  
28 Heritage Dictionary’s editorial board. He is the author of *Underground Dance Masters: Final*

1 *History of a Forgotten Era* (2012), considered a definitive historical account of American urban  
2 street dance that situates foundational dance forms in their true historical, social, and geographic  
3 contexts — tracing regional developments from the 1960s through the 1970s and 1980's across  
4 cities including Reseda, Los Angeles, Oakland, San Francisco, and the Bronx — and also  
5 produced and directed a feature documentary of the same title, which was featured at the Dance  
6 on Camera Festival. Mr. Guzman-Sanchez is the author and copyright owner of an original  
7 literary work that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization  
8 from Mr. Guzman-Sanchez, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act.  
9 Mr. Guzman-Sanchez registered his one (1) work *Underground Dance Masters* prior to  
10 Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and he seeks statutory  
11 damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$150,000 in statutory  
12 damages. *See* Exhibit A.

13 75. Plaintiff **Minal Hajratwala** is a resident of New York. Ms. Hajratwala is a writer,  
14 performer, poet, and activist of Indian descent, born in 1971 in San Francisco, California, raised  
15 in New Zealand and suburban Michigan, and a graduate of Stanford University. She worked for  
16 eight years as a journalist at the *San Jose Mercury News*, served as a board member of the  
17 National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association, and was a National Arts Journalism Program  
18 fellow at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism in 2000–01, before turning her  
19 focus to long-form narrative writing and performance. Ms. Hajratwala is the author of *Leaving*  
20 *India: My Family's Journey from Five Villages to Five Continents* (2009), a work she researched  
21 and wrote over seven years, traveling the world to interview more than seventy-five members of  
22 her extended family, which Alice Walker has called “incomparable” and *The Washington Post*  
23 characterized as “searingly honest.” Her creative work has appeared in journals, anthologies, and  
24 theater spaces and has received recognition and support from the Sundance Institute, the  
25 Hedgebrook writing retreat for women, and other institutions; she also founded Unicorn Authors  
26 Club, a writing community and sanctuary for authors of color and allies, and is the editor of *Out!*  
27 *Stories from The New Queer India* (2010) and the author of *Bountiful Instructions for*  
28 *Enlightenment* (2015). Ms. Hajratwala is the author and copyright owner of an original literary

1 work that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Ms.  
2 Hajratwala, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Ms. Hajratwala  
3 registered her one (1) work *Leaving India: My Family's Journey from Five Villages to Five*  
4 *Continents* prior to Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and she  
5 seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$150,000 in statutory  
6 damages. *See* Exhibit A.

7 76. Plaintiff **Brenda Hampton** is a resident of Missouri. Ms. Hampton is a national  
8 bestselling novelist, screenplay writer, film producer, literary agent, and entrepreneur whose  
9 name has appeared on the *Essence Magazine* bestseller list, Ubawa's Top 100 Authors list, and  
10 the AAMBC Black Authors list, and who has been named among the Top 100 Most Admired  
11 African American Women in literature, listed as a favorite female writer in *Upscale Magazine*,  
12 and recognized as a Delux Power100 Honoree, a 2025 Unsung Hero, and the recipient of a  
13 proclamation and resolution from the City of Saint Louis proclaiming June 24th as Brenda  
14 Hampton's Day. A native of St. Louis, Missouri, Ms. Hampton is best known for creating the  
15 *Naughty* series, one of the most acclaimed book series in urban literature, and for her reality TV  
16 drama series *Hell House*, named a top book choice by the Sankofa Literary Society; the film  
17 adaptation of her book series *Who Ya Wit* is currently streaming on multiple platforms alongside  
18 numerous additional films produced from her screenplays. Through her production company  
19 Black Girl Powerhouse Films, Ms. Hampton has written, produced, and directed films including  
20 *The Blood Brothers*, *Who Ya Wit 2*, *Complicated Christmas*, and *Gateway to Sin*, and she  
21 additionally founded Wall Street Company and Doll-N-Style Co., reflecting the broad  
22 entrepreneurial vision that has defined her career across publishing, film, and business. Ms.  
23 Hampton is the author and copyright owner of original literary works that Defendants copied,  
24 uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Ms. Hampton, and for which  
25 Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Ms. Hampton registered her nine (9) works  
26 *Naughty 5: Too Naughty*; *Bff's 2*; *Naughty 4: Naughty by Nature*; *Hell House*; *Bff's*; *The Roof Is*  
27 *on Fire*; *Bff's 3*; *Naughty No More*; and *The Reunion Show* prior to Defendants' infringement  
28 with the United States Copyright Office, and she seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per

1 work, for a total of up to \$1,350,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

2 77. Plaintiff **Donna Barba Higuera** is a resident of Washington State. Ms. Higuera is  
3 an American author of children’s and middle-grade fiction whose storytelling blends folklore,  
4 cultural heritage, humor, and imaginative settings to explore themes of identity, resilience, and  
5 the power of narrative, and who has become one of the most celebrated voices in contemporary  
6 children’s literature. She grew up in a small agricultural region of Central California, later  
7 pursued a degree in biology, and went on to become an optometrist running her own practice  
8 while writing creatively on the side before establishing herself as a published author. Ms. Higuera  
9 is the author of *Lupe Wong Won’t Dance* (2020), her debut middle-grade novel about a  
10 determined young girl who aspires to become the first female pitcher in Major League Baseball,  
11 which won a Pura Belpré Honor, the Sid Fleischman Humor Award, and the Pacific Northwest  
12 Booksellers Award, and appeared on the American Library Association’s Best Books for Youth  
13 list. She is also the author of *The Last Cuentista* (2021), a middle-grade dystopian science-fiction  
14 novel about a young girl who must preserve the stories and memory of Earth after its destruction,  
15 which won both the 2022 John Newbery Medal — the most prestigious award in children’s  
16 literature in the United States — and the Pura Belpré Medal honoring representation of the Latinx  
17 experience in children’s books, cementing Ms. Higuera’s status as a leading voice in her field.  
18 Her additional works include the picture book *El Cucuy Is Scared, Too!* and *The Yellow*  
19 *Handkerchief*, further reflecting her commitment to culturally rich, humor-infused storytelling for  
20 young readers. Ms. Higuera is the author and copyright owner of an original literary work that  
21 Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Ms. Higuera,  
22 and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Ms. Higuera registered her  
23 one (1) work *Lupe Wong Won’t Dance* prior to Defendants’ infringement with the United States  
24 Copyright Office, and she seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to  
25 \$150,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

26 78. Plaintiff **Human Resource Development Press Inc.** d/b/a HRD Press, Inc. a/k/a  
27 HRD Press or HRD is a publishing company located in Belchertown, Massachusetts. HRD Press  
28 is an American publisher specializing in human resource development, organizational training,

1 and workforce development products, and has served HR professionals, trainers, and  
2 organizations for over 45 years, building a catalog of more than one thousand human resource  
3 development products and counting among its customers over ninety percent of the Fortune 500  
4 as well as thousands of businesses worldwide. Its publications span training solutions, hiring  
5 solutions, consulting resources, and custom HR product development across a broad range of  
6 topics including leadership, management, performance, coaching, mentoring, diversity, emotional  
7 intelligence, and organizational learning, and its works have been authored by leading  
8 practitioners, educators, and subject matter experts in the human resources and organizational  
9 development fields.

10 79. Plaintiff **Human Resource Development Press Inc.** had registered and/or owns  
11 through written assignment 83 works including titles: *Twenty Reproducible Assessment*  
12 *Instruments for the New Work Culture; Job Analysis at the Speed of Reality; Flip Chart Magic!:*  
13 *77 Energizing Ideas for Novices and Experts; All New Tricks for Trainers; The Manager's Pocket*  
14 *Guide to Documenting Employee Performance; The Manager's Pocket Guide to Influence with*  
15 *Integrity: Power, Principles, and Persuasion; The Manager's Pocket Guide to Leadership Skills;*  
16 *The Manager's Pocket Guide to eCommunication: Communicating Effectively in a Digital Age;*  
17 *The Manager's Pocket Guide to Effective Writing; The Manager's Pocket Guide to Creativity;*  
18 *The Possibilities Organization: The New Science of Possibilities Management; Instructional*  
19 *Design for Web-Based Training; The Manager's Pocket Guide to Workplace Coaching; The*  
20 *Manager's Pocket Guide to Corporate Culture Change; The Possibilities Mind: Conversations*  
21 *with God, Einstein and Others; The Manager's Pocket Guide to Performance Management; The*  
22 *Manager's Pocket Guide to Knowledge Management; Excuses, Excuses, Excuses: For Not*  
23 *Delivering Excellent Customer Service — and What Should Happen! (by written assignment); 50*  
24 *Activities for Achieving Excellent Customer Service (by written assignment); Planning and*  
25 *Managing Human Resources; Creative Training Techniques Handbook: Tips, Tactics and How-*  
26 *To's for Delivering Effective Training (by written assignment); HR Optimization: From*  
27 *Personnel Administration to Human and Organizational Capital Development; The Competency*  
28 *Toolkit: Volume 1; The Competency Toolkit: Volume 2; The Manager's Pocket Guide to Systems*

1 *Thinking & Learning; The Manager's Pocket Guide to Effective Meetings; The Manager's Pocket*  
2 *Guide to Public Presentations; The Meeting Spectrum; Learning Points: 100 Activities and*  
3 *Actions for E-Communications Excellence (by written assignment); The Manager's Pocket Guide*  
4 *to Diversity Management; The Leader's Communication Toolkit; The Manager's Pocket Guide to*  
5 *Emotional Intelligence; The Manager's Pocket Guide to Organizational Learning; The*  
6 *Manager's Pocket Guide to Spiritual Leadership; Guide to Mentee Planning; Solving the People*  
7 *Puzzle: Practical Strategies for Optimizing Workforce Performance; 50 Activities for Developing*  
8 *Leaders; 50 Activities for Developing Emotional Intelligence; Leadership Lessons from*  
9 *Professional Football (by written assignment); Leadership Lessons from the Game of Golf (by*  
10 *written assignment); Social Intelligence Skills for Sheriff's Departments Supervisors/Managers;*  
11 *So You Want to Be Mentored: An Application Workbook for Using Five Strategies to Get the*  
12 *Most Out of a Mentoring Relationship (by written assignment); Learning at Work: How to*  
13 *Support Individual and Organizational Learning (by written assignment); The Front Line Guide*  
14 *to Mastering the Manager's Job; The Front Line Guide to Communicating with Employees; The*  
15 *Front Line Guide to Creating a Winning Management Style; Seven Keys for Coaching Power: An*  
16 *Application Handbook for Leaders on the Front Line (by written assignment); Team Leader*  
17 *Workbook (by written assignment); PPD — Productive Program Development; PPS —*  
18 *Productive Problem Solving; 25 Legendary Leadership Activities (by written assignment);*  
19 *Blended eLearning: Integrating Knowledge, Performance Support, and Online Learning;*  
20 *Manager's Pocket Guide to Interviewing and Hiring Top Performers; Leading in Tough Times:*  
21 *The Manager's Guide to Responsibility, Trust, and Motivation (by written assignment); The*  
22 *Strategic Development of Talent; The Process-Based Organization (by written assignment);*  
23 *Survival Writing for Business; Giving and Receiving Performance Feedback; 101 Leadership*  
24 *Actions for Performance Management; An Overview of Online Learning; The Possibilities*  
25 *Leader; Quintessential Guide to Using Consultants; Cases in Government Succession Planning*  
26 *(by written assignment); Framed!: Solve an Intriguing Mystery and Master How to Make Smart*  
27 *Choices (by written assignment); Organizational Design: A Practical Methodology and Toolkit;*  
28 *The Manager's Pocket Guide to Innovation; 500 Creative Classroom Techniques for Teachers*

1 *and Trainers* (by written assignment); *Achieving High Performance; Changes, Choices and*  
2 *Consequences: A Guide to Mega Thinking and Planning* (by written assignment); 15  
3 *Reproducible Activities for Reinforcing Business Ethics and Values; 25 Reproducible Activities*  
4 *for Customer Service Excellence; The Manager's Pocket Guide to Using Consultants; Learning*  
5 *Points: 89 Activities and Actions for Coaching Call Center CSRs* (by written assignment);  
6 *Guaranteeing Performance Improvement* (by written assignment); *The Front Line Guide to*  
7 *Thinking Clearly; 101 Ways to Build Better Relationships with Your Customers* (by written  
8 assignment); *The Manager's Pocket Guide to Training; 50 Activities for Employee Engagement*  
9 (by written assignment); *The Art of Helping, Ninth Edition Trainer's Guide; 101 Leadership*  
10 *Actions for Managing Change in the 21st Century* (by written assignment); *50 Activities for*  
11 *Coaching/Mentoring; Ethical Leadership: Rebuilding Trust in Corporations; Job Aids for*  
12 *Everyone and 101 Leadership Actions for Effective Presentation* prior to Defendants'  
13 infringement with the United States Copyright Office. HRD Press, through its CEO Gregory B.  
14 Carkhuff and Publisher Robert W. Carkhuff, owns the copyright in a substantial catalog of the 83  
15 registered works that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without  
16 authorization, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act, and seeks  
17 statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$12,450,000 in statutory  
18 damages. *See* Exhibit A.

19 80. Plaintiff **Buzzy Jackson** is a resident of Colorado. Ms. Jackson is an American  
20 author, historian, and teacher whose work spans nonfiction and historical fiction, integrating deep  
21 research with engaging narrative, and who holds a Ph.D. in U.S. History from the University of  
22 California, Berkeley. She is a member of the National Book Critics Circle, a fellow of the Edith  
23 Wharton Writing Residency, and has taught at UC Berkeley and the Center of the American West  
24 at the University of Colorado, Boulder, where her scholarship and teaching contribute to how  
25 audiences understand the past and interpret human stories. Ms. Jackson is the author of *A Bad*  
26 *Woman Feeling Good: Blues and the Women Who Sing Them* (W.W. Norton, 2005), an  
27 exploration of blues music through the voices of influential women singers; *Shaking the Family*  
28 *Tree: Blue Bloods, Black Sheep, and Other Obsessions of an Accidental Genealogist* (Simon &

1 Schuster, 2010), a blend of memoir, genealogy, and cultural history; *The Inspirational Atheist:*  
2 *Wise Words on the Wonder and Meaning of Life* (Plume, 2015), a philosophical reflection on  
3 meaning, belief, and human experience; and *To Die Beautiful* (Dutton, 2023), an award-winning  
4 historical novel bringing to life Dutch resistance fighter Hannie Schaft during World War II,  
5 which won the Colorado Book Award for historical fiction and was a National Jewish Book  
6 Award finalist. In addition to her books, Ms. Jackson writes essays, reviews, and cultural pieces  
7 for various publications, contributes to radio and film projects, and works as an editor, writing  
8 consultant, and creative coach. Ms. Jackson is the author and copyright owner of original literary  
9 works that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from  
10 Ms. Jackson, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Ms. Jackson  
11 registered her three (3) works *A Bad Woman Feeling Good*; *Shaking the Family Tree*; and *The*  
12 *Inspirational Atheist: Wise Words on the Wonder and Meaning of Life* prior to Defendants'  
13 infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and she seeks statutory damages of up to  
14 \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$450,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

15 81. Plaintiff **Nick Jamilla** is a resident of Maryland. Mr. Jamilla is a writer,  
16 researcher, and former martial arts instructor whose work occupies a distinctive niche at the  
17 intersection of historical swordsmanship, martial arts scholarship, and cinematic fighting. He has  
18 represented the Philippines in international fencing competition, including the World University  
19 Games and the World Fencing Championships, and has previously worked as a fencing and  
20 martial arts instructor, bringing real-world precision and discipline to his study of both historical  
21 and fictional combat. Mr. Jamilla is the author of *Sword Fighting in the Star Wars Universe:*  
22 *Historical Origins, Style and Philosophy* (McFarland, 2008), originally self-published as  
23 *Shimmering Sword* and later revised and expanded under academic publication, which analyzes  
24 how lightsaber duels in the Star Wars universe draw on ancient samurai, medieval knight, and  
25 other historical sword-fighting traditions — treating fictional cinematic combat as a disciplined  
26 movement practice with deep real-world parallels. In addition to his written scholarship, Mr.  
27 Jamilla created the lightsaber choreography for the independent fan film *Star Wars: Revelations*,  
28 further connecting his martial arts expertise with creative cinematic work and demonstrating the

1 holistic approach — combining writing, choreography, and teaching — that defines his  
2 contributions to fan scholarship and martial arts communities. Mr. Jamilla is the author and  
3 copyright owner of an original literary work that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and  
4 exploited without authorization from Mr. Jamilla, and for which Anthropic caused damages under  
5 the Copyright Act. Mr. Jamilla registered his one (1) work *Sword Fighting in the Star Wars*  
6 *Universe* prior to Defendants’ infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and he seeks  
7 statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$150,000 in statutory damages.  
8 *See Exhibit A.*

9         82. Plaintiff **K. W. Jeter** is a resident of Oklahoma. Mr. Jeter is an American science  
10 fiction, fantasy, and horror author who has been active since the late 1970s and is best known for  
11 helping define and name the steampunk genre, having famously coined the term “steampunk” in a  
12 1987 letter to *Locus* magazine, retroactively labeling a body of work — including his own — that  
13 reimagined Victorian-era technology through speculative fiction. He emerged from the California  
14 science fiction scene of the 1970s in close literary association with writers Tim Powers and James  
15 Blaylock, and his early novels stood out for their bleak tone, transgressive content, and  
16 psychologically complex sensibility, placing him at the margins of the New Wave and early  
17 cyberpunk movements as a key transitional figure across literary genres. Mr. Jeter’s bibliography  
18 includes acclaimed original works such as *Infernal Devices*, *Morlock Night*, *The Glass Hammer*,  
19 *Death Arms*, *Farewell Horizontal*, *Fiendish Schemes*, and *Noir*, as well as the official authorized  
20 sequels to director Ridley Scott’s 1982 film *Blade Runner* and to Philip K. Dick’s novel *Do*  
21 *Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?*, upon which the film was based (*Blade Runner 2*, 3, and 4)  
22 — a rare case in which a contemporary author was entrusted to continue a canonical science-  
23 fiction universe, and works frequently cited as among the most philosophically serious authorized  
24 continuations in the genre. Across decades of work, Mr. Jeter’s writing has consistently explored  
25 themes of technology as psychological threat, identity and memory, dark anti-heroic narratives,  
26 and the deconstruction of genre conventions, reflecting a worldview skeptical of easy redemption  
27 and resistant to heroic or utopian framing. Mr. Jeter is the author and copyright owner of original  
28 literary works that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization

1 from Mr. Jeter, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Mr. Jeter  
2 registered his ten (10) works *Morlock Night*; *Mantis*; *Wolf Flow*; *Farewell Horizontal*; *Death*  
3 *Arms*; *Madlands*; *Noir*; *Fiendish Schemes*; *Infernal devices: A Mad Victorian fantasy*; and *Soul*  
4 *Eater* prior to Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and he seeks  
5 statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$1,500,000 in statutory  
6 damages. See Exhibit A.

7 83. Plaintiff **Matthew Kenney** is a resident of Florida. Mr. Kenney is an American  
8 chef, restaurateur, author, educator, and entrepreneur widely recognized as a pioneer in modern  
9 plant-based and raw cuisine, whose career has helped shift vegan and raw food from niche diets  
10 to high-end and globally accessible gourmet cuisine. Born in Connecticut and raised in Searsport,  
11 Maine, he completed a B.A. at the University of Maine and trained at the French Culinary  
12 Institute, grounding himself in classical culinary technique before opening his first namesake  
13 restaurant in New York City in 1993; in 1994 he was named one of *Food & Wine* magazine's  
14 Best New Chefs in America. In 2004 Mr. Kenney co-launched Pure Food & Wine, one of New  
15 York City's early upscale raw and vegan restaurants, and in 2012 he founded Matthew Kenney  
16 Cuisine, a global plant-based lifestyle company spanning hospitality, education, media, products,  
17 licensing, and services, through which he has opened dozens of plant-based restaurants  
18 worldwide and taught a generation of chefs and home cooks plant-based culinary techniques. Mr.  
19 Kenney is the author of numerous cookbooks on raw, vegan, and plant-based cuisine, works that  
20 reflect his broader mission of treating food as part of a lifestyle, wellness philosophy, and  
21 ecosystem — bridging culinary art with sustainability, health, and ethical eating on a global scale.  
22 Mr. Kenney is the author and copyright owner of original literary works that Defendants copied,  
23 uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Mr. Kenney, and for which  
24 Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Mr. Kenney registered his nine (9) works  
25 *Everyday Raw Detox*; *Everyday Raw Gourmet*; *Everyday Raw*; *Plant Food (Everyday Raw)*;  
26 *Everyday Raw Desserts*; *Everyday Raw Express*; *Raw Chocolate (Everyday Raw)*; *Plantlab*;  
27 *Crafting the Future of Food*; and *Entertaining in the Raw* prior to Defendants' infringement with  
28 the United States Copyright Office, and he seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work,

1 for a total of up to \$1,350,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

2 84. Plaintiff **Pamela Keogh** is a resident of New York. Ms. Keogh is an American  
3 author celebrated for her *New York Times* bestselling biographies of cultural icons and style  
4 legends, blending biography with fashion, design, and personal narrative. Before becoming a full-  
5 time author, she worked as a journalist and television producer, and her writing has appeared in  
6 publications including the *New York Times*, *Vanity Fair*, *Vogue*, *People* magazine, and *Town &*  
7 *Country*. She is a graduate of Vassar College, Ms. Keogh is the author of several acclaimed  
8 works, including: *Audrey Style*, a style biography of Audrey Hepburn combining rarely seen  
9 photographs, designer sketches, and rare interviews with friends and fashion insiders (this first  
10 book of hers was featured in the 57 Street windows of Bergdorf Goodman for three weeks, the  
11 first time they put a book in the windows); *Jackie Style*, exploring Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis's  
12 fashion, personal life, and public persona, again, using original research; *Elvis Presley: The Man,*  
13 *the Life, the Legend*, examining Elvis Presley through the lens of his style, image, and cultural  
14 significance; *What Would Audrey Do?: Timeless Lessons for Living with Grace and Style*, a guide  
15 inspired by Audrey Hepburn's grace, values, and elegance; and *Are You a Jackie or a Marilyn?*, a  
16 lifestyle book comparing Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and Marilyn Monroe as style icons. Her  
17 works bridge biography and lifestyle in a very distinctive manner, examining how cultural icons  
18 of the twentieth century expressed themselves through fashion and public image, and ensuring  
19 that the elegance, values, and cultural significance of these figures remain relevant for modern  
20 readers. Ms. Keogh is the author and copyright owner of an original literary work that  
21 Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Ms. Keogh,  
22 and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Ms. Keogh registered her one  
23 (1) work *What Would Audrey Do?: Timeless Lessons for Living with Grace and Style* prior to  
24 Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and she seeks statutory  
25 damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$150,000 in statutory damages. *See*  
26 Exhibit A.

27 85. Plaintiff **Lynnette Khalfani-Cox** is a resident of Texas. Ms. Khalfani-Cox is an  
28 American personal finance expert, author, speaker, and media personality known as "The Money

1 Coach,” whose career bridges journalism, entrepreneurship, financial coaching, and public  
2 advocacy, with a particular focus on financial literacy, credit education, debt management, and  
3 wealth-building strategies for middle-income and historically underserved communities. She  
4 began her career as a business and financial news reporter and correspondent for CNBC, where  
5 she covered personal finance, markets, and consumer issues, before transitioning into financial  
6 education and entrepreneurship and founding TheMoneyCoach.net, a national financial literacy  
7 platform offering credit repair strategies, debt reduction systems, financial literacy courses,  
8 coaching and consulting, and consumer financial rights education. Ms. Khalfani-Cox is the author  
9 of numerous personal finance, credit, and college-planning books, including *Zero Debt: The*  
10 *Ultimate Guide to Financial Freedom*, *Zero Debt for College Grads: From Student Loans to*  
11 *Financial Freedom*, *Perfect Credit: 7 Steps to a Great Credit Rating*, *Bounce Back: The Ultimate*  
12 *Guide to Financial Resilience*, *The Money Coach’s Guide to Your First Million*, *Your First*  
13 *Home: The Smart Way to Get It and Keep It*, *College Secrets: How to Save Money, Cut College*  
14 *Costs and Graduate Debt Free*, *College Secrets for Teens: Money-Saving Ideas for the Pre-*  
15 *College Years*, and multiple children’s books in the *Millionaire Kids Club* series, works that  
16 emphasize actionable, implementable strategies for eliminating debt, improving credit, paying for  
17 college, and rebuilding finances after economic setbacks over abstract financial theory. She has  
18 appeared as a financial expert across major television and radio platforms, providing commentary  
19 on credit scoring, debt management, economic inequality, and consumer protection, and has  
20 developed structured financial education programs for schools, corporations, and community  
21 organizations, extending her impact beyond books and media into scalable training environments.  
22 Ms. Khalfani-Cox is the author and copyright owner of an original literary work that Defendants  
23 copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Ms. Khalfani-Cox, and  
24 for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Ms. Khalfani-Cox registered her  
25 one (1) work *Zero Debt for College Grads: From Student Loans to Financial Freedom* prior to  
26 Defendants’ infringement with the United States Copyright Office and under her name Lynnette  
27 Khalfani, and she seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to  
28 \$150,000 in statutory damages. See Exhibit A.

1           86. Plaintiff **Lynnette Khalfani-Cox** also is the author and copyright owner of  
2 original literary works that, upon information and belief, Defendants copied, uploaded,  
3 distributed, and exploited without authorization from **Lynnette Khalfani-Cox**, and for which  
4 Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act and which titles did not appear on the *Bartz*  
5 *v. Anthropic* works list. **Lynnette Khalfani-Cox** registered her 17 titles *Zero Debt For College*  
6 *Grads: From Student Loans to Financial Freedom*; *Your First Home: The Smart Way to Get it*  
7 *and Keep It*; *Perfect Credit: 7 Steps To A Great Credit Rating*; *Your First Home: The Smart Way*  
8 *to Get It and Keep It*; *Perfect Credit: Steps to a Great Credit Rating 2nd Edition*; *Free Pre-*  
9 *College Programs: A Guide to No-Cost and Low Cost Summer Programs for Teens*; *Zero Debt:*  
10 *The Ultimate Guide to Financial Freedom 3rd Edition*; *Zero Debt for College Grads: From*  
11 *Student Loans to Financial Freedom 2nd Edition*; *College Secrets: How to Save Money, Cut*  
12 *College Costs and Graduate Debt Free*; *Zero Debt: The Ultimate Guide to Financial Freedom*  
13 *2nd edition*; *College Secrets for Teens: Money Saving Ideas for the Pre-College Years*; *The*  
14 *Money Coach Guide to Your First Million*; *The Millionaire Kids Club: Home Sweet Home*  
15 (assigned from Advantage World Press to **Lynnette Khalfani-Cox**); *The Millionaire Kids Club:*  
16 *Garage Sale Riches Home* (assigned from Advantage World Press to **Lynnette Khalfani-Cox**);  
17 *The Millionaire Kids Club: Penny Power Home* (assigned from Advantage World Press to  
18 **Lynnette Khalfani-Cox**), and *The Millionaire Kids Club: Putting the Do in Donate Home*  
19 (assigned from Advantage World Press to **Lynnette Khalfani-Cox**) and she seeks statutory  
20 damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$2,550,000 in statutory damages for  
21 these works. See Exhibit A.

22           87. Plaintiff **Joe Konrath** is a resident of Wisconsin. Mr. Konrath is an American  
23 author who has written over sixty books across the thriller, mystery, horror, science fiction, and  
24 erotica genres, and has sold millions of books worldwide. He is best known for his Jacqueline  
25 “Jack” Daniels series, which currently spans twenty-four novels plus five short story collections  
26 and an interactive choose-your-own-path book, as well as sixteen novels in the Konrath Dark  
27 Thriller Collective, nine Codename: Chandler spy novels co-written with Ann Voss Peterson, the  
28 Timecaster trilogy, and the Stop A Murder puzzle book series, with many of these works

1 featuring interconnected characters and crossover storylines. He has also co-written seventeen  
2 novels in the erotica genre under the pen name Melinda DuChamp, and his short stories have  
3 been published in dozens of magazines; his novella *Shapeshifters Anonymous* was adapted into a  
4 one-hour special for the Shudder streaming service series *Creepshow*, titled *The Creepshow*  
5 *Holiday Special*. Mr. Konrath is the author and copyright owner of original literary works that  
6 Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Mr. Konrath,  
7 and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Mr. Konrath registered his six  
8 (6) works *Cherry Bomb*; *Bloody Mary*; *Timecaster*; *Shaken*; *Stirred*; and *Three* prior to  
9 Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright Office, timely opted out these books.  
10 He seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$900,000 in statutory  
11 damages. *See* Exhibit A.

12 88. Plaintiff **Joe Konrath** also registered 13 additional works with the US Copyright  
13 Office that on information and belief, were infringed by Defendants: *Whiskey Sour*; *Rusty Nail*;  
14 *Dirty Martini*; *Fuzzy Navel*; *Cherry Bomb*; *Shaken*; *Stirred* (co-authored with Blake Crouch);  
15 *Spree* (co-authored with Ann Voss Peterson); *Three* (co-authored with Ann Voss Peterson);  
16 *Timecaster* (registered under his pen name Joe Kimball); *Afraid* (registered under his pen name  
17 Jack Kilborn); *Symbios* (short story), and *Street Music* (short story). He seeks statutory damages  
18 of up to \$150,000 per each of these works, for a total of up to an additional \$1,950,000. *See*  
19 Exhibit A.

20 89. Plaintiff **Margaret Ratner Kunstler, as Executrix of the Estate of William**  
21 **Moses Kunstler**, is a resident of New York. William Moses Kunstler (1919-1995) was an  
22 American civil rights and criminal defense attorney and author best known for representing  
23 controversial political defendants and activists, and who became one of the most visible and  
24 polarizing trial lawyers in the United States over the course of his career. Already well known for  
25 his movement defense work during the 1960s, including representing Freedom Riders arrested in  
26 the South, he became a nationally-recognized figure as defense counsel in the Chicago Seven  
27 trial, representing defendants charged with conspiracy and inciting riots for protesting the 1968  
28 Democratic National Convention. He went on to represent members of the Black Panther Party,

1 inmates in the Attica prison uprising, activists involved in the Wounded Knee occupation, and a  
2 wide range of clients across politically-charged cases, approaching trials not only as criminal  
3 proceedings, but as battles over constitutional rights and the limits of government power. Mr.  
4 Kunstler was also a co-founder of the Center for Constitutional Rights, which remains a major  
5 force in civil liberties and human rights litigation. In addition to his legal career, Mr. Kunstler  
6 was an author whose works — including *Deep in My Heart*, a memoir reflecting on his political  
7 trials and legal philosophy with a foreword by Martin Luther King Jr, and *My Life as a Radical*  
8 *Lawyer*, an autobiographical examination of his transformation into a civil rights attorney —  
9 blended courtroom narrative with critique of the American legal system and helped shape the  
10 field of movement lawyering, where attorneys align legal defense with broader civil rights  
11 activism. The Estate of William Moses Kunstler is the copyright owner of an original literary  
12 work that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization, and for  
13 which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Kunstler registered the one (1) work  
14 *Trials and Tribulations* prior to Defendants’ infringement with the United States Copyright  
15 Office, and seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$150,000 in  
16 statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

17 90. Plaintiff **Melissa Landers** is a resident of Ohio. Ms. Landers is an American  
18 novelist and *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Sunday Times* bestselling author best known for  
19 her young adult science fiction and fantasy novels, who also writes adult contemporary romance  
20 under the pseudonym Macy Beckett. Before becoming a full-time writer, she worked as a teacher,  
21 and she now lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, balancing family life with a prolific writing career  
22 spanning multiple genres and series. Ms. Landers is the author of the Alienated Trilogy,  
23 comprising *Alienated* (2014), *Invaded* (2015), and *United* (2016), a science fiction romance series  
24 exploring human-alien relations and high-stakes interstellar conflict, and the Starflight Duology,  
25 comprising *Starflight* (2016) and *Starfall* (2017), a beloved science fiction romance adventure  
26 series; her additional young adult works include *Lumara* (2022) and *Make Me a Liar* (2023).  
27 Additionally, Ms. Landers authored the middle grade novel, *Blastaway* (2019), and the  
28 international bestselling Half King Duology, adult fantasy romance, comprising *The Half King*

1 (2024) and the forthcoming sequel *The Heretic Queen*. Under her pseudonym Macy Beckett, Ms.  
2 Landers has also authored the Sultry Springs series and the Dumont Bachelors series, adult  
3 contemporary romance, including *Sultry with a Twist* (2012), *A Shot of Sultry* (2013), *Surrender*  
4 *to Sultry* (2014), *Make You Blush* (2014), *Make You Mine* (2014), and *Make You Remember*  
5 (2015), demonstrating her versatility across middle grade, young adult, and adult fiction and her  
6 dexterity with emotional arcs, relational depth, and character chemistry beyond the young adult  
7 market. Ms. Landers is the author and copyright owner of original literary works that Defendants  
8 copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Ms. Landers, and for  
9 which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Ms. Landers registered her eight (8)  
10 works *Alienated; Invaded (An Alienated Novel); Starfall; Starfall: A Starflight Novel; A Shot of*  
11 *Sultry; Make You Mine; Make You Remember; and Sultry with a Twist* prior to Defendants'  
12 infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and she seeks statutory damages of up to  
13 \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$1,200,000 in statutory damages. See Exhibit A.

14 91. Plaintiff **Lorie Moeggenberg** is a resident of Ohio. Ms. Moeggenberg, sometimes  
15 writing under the pen name Lorie Langdon, is an American young adult novelist known for her  
16 imaginative storytelling, rich character voices, and compelling re-interpretations of classic tales,  
17 who writes across young adult fantasy, contemporary fiction, and reimagined classics, blending  
18 romance, adventure, and nuanced protagonists, and has achieved Amazon bestselling status while  
19 working with major publishers including Disney Publishing Worldwide and HarperCollins. She  
20 initially pursued a corporate career before rediscovering her passion for storytelling and turning to  
21 fiction writing full time, first gaining major attention as co-author of the bestselling Doon series  
22 — a young adult fantasy romance re-imagining of the classic musical Brigadoon, co-written and  
23 co-owned with Carey Corp — which became an international bestseller and expanded into  
24 multimedia including a choose-your-own-ending video game. Ms. Moeggenberg is also the  
25 author of *Gilt Hollow*, a young adult romantic thriller that received critical recognition and award  
26 nominations; *Olivia Twist*, a widely praised gender-swapped re-imagining of Charles Dickens's  
27 *Oliver Twist* that is in development for film adaptation; and the Disney Villains: Happily Never  
28 After series, commissioned by Disney Publishing Worldwide, which explores the origin stories of

1 beloved villains with moral complexity and empathy. Her work has contributed to expanding  
2 young adult literature's reach into retellings, cross-genre experiments, and emotionally resonant  
3 storytelling, making her a recognized voice among both readers and industry professionals. Ms.  
4 Moeggenberg is the author and copyright owner of original literary works that Defendants copied,  
5 uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Ms. Moeggenberg, and for which  
6 Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Ms. Moeggenberg registered her six (6)  
7 works *Gilt Hollow*; *Olivia Twist*; *Doon* (co-authored and co-owned with Plaintiff Carey Corp);  
8 *Destined for Doon* (co-authored and co-owned with Plaintiff Carey Corp and under Lorie  
9 Langdon); *Shades of Doon* (co-authored and co-owned with Plaintiff Carey Corp and under Lorie  
10 Langdon); and *Forever Doon* (co-authored and co-owned with Plaintiff Carey Corp and under  
11 Lorie Langdon) prior to Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and  
12 she seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$900,000 in statutory  
13 damages. *See* Exhibit A.

14 92. Plaintiff **Carey Corp** is a resident of Kentucky. Ms. Corp is a *New York Times* and  
15 *USA Today* bestselling author known for her imaginative storytelling, love of reinvention, and  
16 ability to breathe new life into beloved classic stories and beloved fictional universes — a passion  
17 she has cultivated since writing her first book, a retelling of Star Wars, at age seven. She is best  
18 known as the co-author and co-owner, with Plaintiff **Lorie Langdon**, of the Doon series — a  
19 young adult fantasy romance re-imagining of the classic musical Brigadoon comprising *Doon*,  
20 *Destined for Doon*, *Shades of Doon*, and *Forever Doon* — which became an international  
21 bestseller and expanded into multimedia including a choose-your-own-ending video game. Ms.  
22 Corp has been featured at New York City ComicCon, Book Expo America, BookCon, the  
23 American Library Association national conference, and in *Entertainment Weekly*, and has  
24 participated as a panelist, lecturer, and guest speaker to educators, bloggers, readers, and students  
25 at numerous regional book festivals and schools around the world, including in China, on topics  
26 ranging from craft to personal character. She has also been commissioned by Disney Publishing  
27 Worldwide to contribute a story centered on the character of Wandering Oaken for a Frozen short  
28 story anthology published in 2023, further reflecting industry confidence in her ability to expand

1 and honor beloved fictional universes. Ms. Corp is the author and copyright owner of original  
2 literary works that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization  
3 from Ms. Corp, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Ms. Corp  
4 registered her four (4) works *Destined for Doon*; *Doon*; *Forever Doon*; and *Shades of Doon* (all  
5 co-authored and co-owned with Plaintiff **Lorie Moeggenberg**) prior to Defendants' infringement  
6 with the United States Copyright Office, and she seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per  
7 work, for a total of up to \$600,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

8 93. Plaintiff **Marie Myung-Ok Lee** is a resident of New York. Ms. Lee is an  
9 American author, novelist, and essayist, and a co-founder of the Asian American Writers'  
10 Workshop, an organization formed in 1991 to support AAPI writers. She grew up in Hibbing,  
11 Minnesota, a small mining town, the daughter of parents who fled North Korea to the South  
12 before eventually immigrating to the United States, and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from  
13 Brown University in 1986. Writing under the name Marie G. Lee, she is the author of several  
14 acclaimed young adult novels, including *Finding My Voice* (1992) — widely recognized as the  
15 first teen novel released by a major publisher with a contemporary Asian American protagonist  
16 by an Asian American author, which won a Best Book for Reluctant Readers award from the  
17 American Library Association and the Young People's Literature Award from the Friends of  
18 American Writers — as well as *Necessary Roughness* (1996), *Saying Goodbye* (1994), *If It*  
19 *Hadn't Been for Yoon Jun* (1993), and *F is for Fabuloso* (1999); her later works include  
20 *Somebody's Daughter* (2005), based on her year as a Fulbright Scholar to South Korea, and *The*  
21 *Evening Hero* (2022, Simon & Schuster). Ms. Lee's essays and stories have appeared in *The*  
22 *Atlantic*, *The Kenyon Review*, *Newsweek*, *Slate*, *Guernica*, *The Guardian*, and *The New York*  
23 *Times*; she has received an O. Henry honorable mention, a MacColl Johnson literature fellowship,  
24 and fellowships from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts, Yaddo, MacDowell Colony,  
25 and the New York Foundation for the Arts; and she has taught fiction writing at Yale University,  
26 Brown University, and Columbia University. Ms. Lee is the author and copyright owner of  
27 original literary works that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without  
28 authorization from Ms. Lee, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act.

1 Ms. Lee registered her two (2) works *Finding My Voice* and *Necessary Roughness* prior to  
2 Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright Office under her pen name, **Marie G.**  
3 **Lee**, and she seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$300,000 in  
4 statutory damages. See Exhibit A.

5 94. Plaintiff **John Leland** is a resident of New York. Mr. Leland is an American  
6 journalist and author known for covering cultural and human-interest reporting, and is best  
7 recognized for his work as a reporter and feature writer at *The New York Times*, where he has  
8 covered aging, religion, immigration, popular culture, and urban life. Before joining *The New*  
9 *York Times*, he worked for alternative and mainstream publications including *Spin*, where he  
10 served as an editor and writer covering music and youth culture. Mr. Leland is the author of *Hip:*  
11 *The History*, which traces the evolution of what it means to be "hip" in American culture,  
12 examining its roots in African American culture and its transformation into the mainstream, and  
13 *Happiness Is a Choice You Make*, which grew out of a multi-year reporting project in which he  
14 followed several elderly residents in New York City. Mr. Leland is the author and copyright  
15 owner of an original literary work that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited  
16 without authorization from Mr. Leland, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the  
17 Copyright Act. Mr. Leland registered his one (1) work *Happiness Is a Choice You Make: Lessons*  
18 *from a Year Among the Oldest Old* prior to Defendants' infringement with the United States  
19 Copyright Office, and he seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to  
20 \$150,000 in statutory damages. See Exhibit A.

21 95. Plaintiff **Barron Lerner** is a resident of New York. Dr. Lerner is an American  
22 physician, medical historian, author, and educator whose work examines the ethical, cultural, and  
23 historical dimensions of modern medicine, and who is especially known for exploring how  
24 medical authority, patient autonomy, public health policy, and moral judgment intersect in  
25 clinical practice. He holds dual training as both a practicing physician and a historian, and serves  
26 as a professor of medicine and population health at the NYU Grossman School of Medicine,  
27 where he teaches medical students and clinicians about medical ethics, professionalism, and the  
28 historical context of healthcare. Dr. Lerner is the author of several influential books blending

1 medical history with ethical analysis, including *The Breast Cancer Wars*; *When Illness Goes*  
2 *Public: Celebrity Patients and How We Look at Medicine*, which analyzes how public narratives  
3 shape trust in medicine and influence health policy; *The Good Doctor: A Father, a Son, and the*  
4 *Evolution of Medical Ethics*, which examines the evolution of medical professionalism through a  
5 deeply personal lens; and *One for the Road: An Obituary for Addictive Behaviors*, which  
6 examines addiction as both a medical condition and a social phenomenon. His writing is widely  
7 used in medical education, bioethics programs, and public health curricula, and he is a frequent  
8 contributor to mainstream publications on healthcare policy, medical ethics, and physician  
9 responsibility, and is widely regarded as a leading voice in medical ethics and history for his  
10 ability to make complex ethical issues accessible without oversimplifying them. Dr. Lerner is the  
11 author and copyright owner of original literary works that Defendants copied, uploaded,  
12 distributed, and exploited without authorization from Dr. Lerner, and for which Anthropic caused  
13 damages under the Copyright Act. Dr. Lerner registered his three (3) works *The Breast Cancer*  
14 *Wars*; *When Illness Goes Public*; and *The Good Doctor* prior to Defendants' infringement with  
15 the United States Copyright Office, and he seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work,  
16 for a total of up to \$450,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

17 96. Plaintiff **Ariel MacArran** is a resident of South Carolina. Ms. MacArran is an  
18 American romance novelist best known for her emotionally driven, character-centered love  
19 stories that blend romantic suspense, heartfelt drama, and psychological depth, writing primarily  
20 within contemporary romance and romantic suspense under both her own name and the pen name  
21 Willow Danes. Her work centers on relationships shaped by trauma, redemption, trust, and  
22 personal transformation, and is marked by strong character interiority, slow-building tension, and  
23 realistic emotional consequences, positioning her novels within a more introspective and  
24 emotionally grounded strand of popular romance fiction that appeals to readers seeking  
25 psychological nuance and emotional credibility alongside romantic fulfillment. Ms. MacArran  
26 has published multiple novels circulating widely in digital and print romance markets, including  
27 *Another Man's Bride* and *Stardancer* under her own name, and *Captured* and *Taken* under her  
28 pen name Willow Danes, all reflecting her consistent thematic focus on emotional healing,

1 vulnerability, and the portrayal of love as something earned through personal reckoning and  
2 growth rather than assumed. Her career reflects the evolution of modern romance authorship,  
3 demonstrating how contemporary romance writers build sustainable audiences through digital  
4 publishing, reader trust, and thematic consistency. Ms. MacArran is the author and copyright  
5 owner of original literary works that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited  
6 without authorization from Ms. MacArran, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the  
7 Copyright Act. Ms. MacArran registered her four (4) works *Another Man's Bride*; *Stardancer*;  
8 *Captured* (written under the pen name Willow Danes); and *Taken* (written under the pen name  
9 Willow Danes) prior to Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and  
10 she seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$600,000 in statutory  
11 damages. *See* Exhibit A.

12 97. Plaintiff **Maggie Macnab** is a resident of New Mexico. Ms. Macnab is an  
13 American designer, author, educator, and speaker whose career focuses on logo design, visual  
14 identity systems, and the role of symbolism in communication, and who is best known for her  
15 books on design principles and sacred geometry, which explore how universal patterns and  
16 archetypal forms influence effective branding and visual messaging. She built her professional  
17 foundation as a graphic designer specializing in logo design and brand identity systems,  
18 developing visual identities for clients across industries with an emphasis on symbolic clarity,  
19 geometric structure, cultural resonance, and strategic branding, before gaining wider recognition  
20 as an author and thought leader whose work bridges professional graphic design practice with  
21 research into cultural symbolism, anthropology, and geometry. She has been adjunct faculty for  
22 nearly 30 years at various universities and colleges including University of New Mexico, Santa  
23 Fe University of Art and Design, Santa Fe Community College and Institute of American Indian  
24 Arts. She is also recipient of multiple regional, national and international design awards and has  
25 been published in multiple design book anthologies. Ms. Macnab is the author of *Decoding*  
26 *Design*, a study of how universal symbols and geometric principles shape effective logo design,  
27 and *Design by Nature: Using Universal Forms and Principles in Design*, an exploration of how  
28 patterns found in nature, mathematics, and science — including fractals, growth patterns, and

1 geometric ratios — inform strong visual communication, both of which combine design case  
2 studies with research into archetypes, mythology, and geometry and are widely used by branding  
3 professionals and design students. She has taught workshops and lectured internationally on logo  
4 design, branding systems, and the application of sacred geometry in visual communication,  
5 presenting at design conferences and educational institutions and contributing to professional  
6 discourse on identity design, and has helped popularize the discussion of sacred geometry and  
7 natural pattern systems within mainstream graphic design education. Ms. Macnab is the author  
8 and copyright owner of original literary works that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and  
9 exploited without authorization from Ms. Macnab, and for which Anthropic caused damages  
10 under the Copyright Act. Ms. Macnab registered her two (2) works *Decoding Design* and *Design*  
11 *by Nature: Using Universal Forms and Principles in Design* prior to Defendants' infringement  
12 with the United States Copyright Office, and she seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per  
13 work, for a total of up to \$300,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

14 98. Plaintiff **Debra Berndt Maldonado** is a resident of Virginia. Ms. Maldonado is an  
15 American author, Certified Master Jungian Life Coach Instructor, clinical hypnotherapist, and  
16 personal-growth entrepreneur who co-founded and serves as CEO of CreativeMind, a life-  
17 coaching company she operates with her husband, Dr. Robert Maldonado, through which they  
18 developed the CreativeMind Method — a coaching and self-development framework rooted in  
19 Jungian psychology, Eastern spirituality, and social neuroscience. She left her corporate career in  
20 2003 to fully commit to personal development work, and has since built a practice centered on  
21 helping individuals explore their inner selves through shadow work and Jungian archetypes, heal  
22 past conditioning, and transform their lives in love, career, and self-esteem. Ms. Maldonado is the  
23 author of *Let Love In: Open Your Heart and Mind to Attract Your Ideal Partner* (Wiley, 2010),  
24 which explores how people can change patterns in relationships, heal past wounds, and open up to  
25 healthy, conscious love grounded in emotional and spiritual maturity, and *Like a Spark From*  
26 *Fire: Break Free From the Past, Shine Your Brilliance and Become Your True Self*  
27 (CreativeMind Media, 2022), as well as co-host of the Soul Sessions podcast on CreativeMind,  
28 where she and her husband discuss psychology, spirituality, relationships, and conscious growth.

1 As a training instructor, Ms. Maldonado has certified numerous Jungian life coaches in her  
2 CreativeMind Method worldwide, amplifying her influence beyond her books and into the  
3 broader field of personal development. Ms. Maldonado is the author and copyright owner of an  
4 original literary work that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without  
5 authorization from Ms. Maldonado, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the  
6 Copyright Act. Ms. Maldonado registered her one (1) work *Let Love In: Open Your Heart and*  
7 *Mind to Attract Your Ideal Partner* (published under the name Debra Berndt) prior to Defendants'  
8 infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and she seeks statutory damages of up to  
9 \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$150,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

10 99. Plaintiff **Erin Siegal McIntyre** is a resident of North Carolina. Ms. McIntyre is an  
11 American investigative journalist, photographer, and academic whose work has exposed  
12 corruption, fraud, and human rights abuses across Latin America and along the United States-  
13 Mexico border, and whose reporting has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic*, *The New*  
14 *York Times*, *Rolling Stone*, and *Latino USA*, among other outlets. She holds a Master's degree in  
15 Journalism from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism, where she was a Fellow  
16 at the Toni Stabile Center for Investigative Journalism, and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in  
17 Photography from Parsons School of Design; she has also served as a staff photographer at the  
18 United Nations, covering the 2006 and 2009 General Assemblies, and was a Senior Fellow at the  
19 Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism from 2009 through 2019. Ms. McIntyre is the  
20 author of *Finding Fernanda* (Beacon Press, 2012), an investigative work exposing fraudulent,  
21 criminal, and corrupt practices in international adoption between Guatemala and the United  
22 States, which was honored by the Overseas Press Club of America with a Robert Spiers Benjamin  
23 Award citation for best reporting on Latin America, an SPJ James Madison Award, a Gold IPPY  
24 Award, and an International Latino Book Award, and served as the basis for an hour-long CBS  
25 special investigation that won a 2015 News Emmy. Her work has been supported by grants and  
26 awards from the Soros Foundation, the Fund for Investigative Journalism, the International  
27 Women's Media Fund, and Investigative Reporters and Editors, and she has worked in broadcast  
28 as a staff investigative reporter and producer for Univision's Documentary unit and as a border

1 reporter for the Fronteras Desk, a public radio collaboration of NPR affiliates along the southwest  
2 border; she joined the journalism faculty at the University of North Carolina in 2020 as an  
3 Assistant Professor in Journalism and Media. Ms. McIntyre is the author and copyright owner of  
4 an original literary work that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without  
5 authorization from Ms. McIntyre, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright  
6 Act. Ms. McIntyre, under the name Erin Segal registered her one (1) work *Finding Fernanda*  
7 prior to Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and she seeks  
8 statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$150,000 in statutory damages.  
9 *See Exhibit A.*

10 100. Plaintiff **Karen McQuestion** is a resident of Wisconsin. Ms. McQuestion is an  
11 American fiction author born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, whose novels have sold millions of  
12 copies worldwide and been translated into multiple languages, and who is best known as an  
13 Amazon Charts bestselling novelist with a prolific output of emotionally rich, character-driven  
14 stories blending humor, heart, and elements of the whimsical across adult, young adult, and  
15 children's fiction. Before becoming a full-time novelist she pursued traditional publishing, before  
16 embracing self-publishing on Amazon's Kindle Direct Publishing platform in 2009 and finding  
17 immediate reader support; her breakthrough novel *A Scattered Life* was re-released through  
18 AmazonEncore, Amazon's first publishing imprint, and became the first self-published Kindle  
19 book ever optioned for a movie deal, establishing her as a pioneer of successful independent  
20 authorship in the digital age. Ms. McQuestion has since written more than twenty novels,  
21 including *Hello Love*, *Dovetail*, *Easily Amused*, *Good Man*, *Dalton*, *The Long Way Home*, *Life on*  
22 *Hold*, *The Moonlight Child*, *Half a Heart*, and the Edgewood series for teen readers, among  
23 others, and her publishing journey has been featured in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Entertainment*  
24 *Weekly*, and NPR, with television appearances on ABC's World News Now and America This  
25 Morning; she also co-hosted the podcast Behind the Book with *USA Today* bestselling author  
26 Tess Thompson, discussing writing craft and the publishing industry. Ms. McQuestion is the  
27 author and copyright owner of original literary works that Defendants copied, uploaded,  
28 distributed, and exploited without authorization from Ms. McQuestion, and for which Anthropic

1 caused damages under the Copyright Act. Ms. McQuestion registered her six (6) works *Easily*  
2 *Amused; The Long Way Home; Life on Hold; Dovetail; Hello Love; and Good Man, Dalton* prior  
3 to Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and she seeks statutory  
4 damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$900,000 in statutory damages. See  
5 Exhibit A.

6 101. Plaintiff **Karen McQuestion** also is the author and copyright owner of original  
7 literary works that, upon information and belief, Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and  
8 exploited without authorization from **McQuestion**, and for which Anthropic caused damages  
9 under the Copyright Act and which titles did not appear on the *Bartz v. Anthropic* works list.  
10 **McQuestion** registered her nine (9) titles *A Scattered Life; Half a Heart; The Moonlight Child;*  
11 *Wanderlust: Book Two - Edgewood Series; Absolution: Book Three - Edgewood Series; Favorite;*  
12 *Grimm House, Wish Upon a Christmas Star and Write that Novel! (You know you want to...)* and  
13 she seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$1,350,000 in  
14 statutory damages for these works. See Exhibit A.

15 102. Plaintiff **Glen Merzer** is a resident of Indiana. Mr. Merzer is an American author,  
16 playwright, screenwriter, and media personality who has authored or co-authored fifteen books  
17 advocating a vegan diet, and who earlier in his career wrote for network television in the 1980s  
18 and 1990s. He is the host of The Glen Merzer Show, a YouTube channel and podcast, and  
19 recently directed his first film, *Buddhist Blues*. Mr. Merzer's published works include *Mad*  
20 *Cowboy* (co-authored with Howard Lyman), which grew out of Lyman's transformation from a  
21 fourth-generation cattle rancher to a vegan and animal rights activist who gained national  
22 attention following his appearance on The Oprah Winfrey Show regarding the dangers of *Mad*  
23 *Cow disease; No More Bull!* (co-authored with Howard Lyman); *Food over Medicine* (co-  
24 authored with Plaintiff Pamela Popper; *Better Than Vegan* (co-authored with Del Sroufe); *The*  
25 *Happy Cow Cookbook*; and most recently *Moving Medicine Forward*, co-authored with Dr.  
26 Michael Klaper, collectively representing a sustained body of work advocating plant-based  
27 nutrition and dietary reform. Mr. Merzer is the author and copyright owner of original literary  
28 works that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from

1 Mr. Merzer, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Mr. Merzer  
2 registered his four (4) works *Better Than Vegan*; *Food over Medicine* (co-authored with Plaintiff  
3 **Pamela Popper**); *Mad Cowboy* and *No More Bull!* prior to Defendants' infringement with the  
4 United States Copyright Office, and he seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a  
5 total of up to \$600,000 in statutory damages. See Exhibit A.

6 103. Plaintiff **Merzer** also is the author and copyright owner of original literary works  
7 that, upon information and belief, Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited  
8 without authorization from **Merzer**, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the  
9 Copyright Act and which titles did not appear on the *Bartz v. Anthropic* settlement works list.  
10 **Merzer** registered his three (3) titles *Off the Reservation*; *Own Your Health* and *Food Is Climate*  
11 and he seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$450,000 in  
12 statutory damages for these works. See Exhibit A.

13 104. Plaintiff **Pamela Popper** is a resident of Ohio. Dr. Popper is an American health  
14 and wellness expert, author, and speaker widely recognized for her work in preventive medicine,  
15 lifestyle medicine, and holistic approaches to chronic disease management, who combines  
16 medical training with research-based strategies to help individuals, organizations, and  
17 communities optimize health through nutrition, exercise, stress management, and behavioral  
18 change. She is the founder and CEO of the Wellness Forum, a nonprofit organization dedicated to  
19 health education, corporate wellness, and community initiatives promoting preventive health,  
20 through which she has led programs integrating evidence-based lifestyle modifications with  
21 behavioral change strategies for corporate, community, and public health audiences. Dr. Popper is  
22 the author of books and publications focused on health optimization, preventive medicine, and  
23 wellness program development that combine scientific research with practical guidance for  
24 clinicians and the general public, and she is a sought-after speaker who has delivered  
25 presentations to healthcare professionals, corporate audiences, and wellness conferences  
26 nationally on topics including nutrition, exercise, and organizational wellness. Her work has  
27 contributed to shifting focus from reactive medical care to proactive, lifestyle-based prevention,  
28 and she is a recognized authority in the growing field of lifestyle medicine, helping to establish it

1 as a critical component of modern healthcare while translating complex medical research into  
2 understandable, actionable guidance for individuals and organizations. Dr. Popper is the author  
3 and copyright owner of an original literary work that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed,  
4 and exploited without authorization from Dr. Popper, and for which Anthropic caused damages  
5 under the Copyright Act. Dr. Popper registered her work *Food over Medicine* (co-authored and  
6 co-owned with Plaintiff **Glen Merzer**) prior to Defendants' infringement with the United States  
7 Copyright Office, and she seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to  
8 \$150,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

9 105. Plaintiff **Lindsay S. Nixon** is a resident of Washington. Ms. Nixon is an American  
10 cookbook author, food blogger, and speaker best known for her work promoting low-fat, whole-  
11 food, plant-based cooking, and has played a notable role in the mainstream popularization of  
12 plant-based eating in the United States by making vegan diets accessible, affordable, and practical  
13 for everyday home cooks. She first gained attention through her food blog Happy Herbivore,  
14 which built a large following by offering budget-conscious meal ideas, oil-free cooking  
15 techniques, nutritionally mindful recipes, and meal planning strategies, distinguishing her from  
16 more gourmet or specialty-focused vegan chefs through her emphasis on simplicity and pantry  
17 staples. Ms. Nixon transitioned from blogging to traditional publishing with a series of bestselling  
18 cookbooks that collectively helped establish her as a recognizable voice in plant-based lifestyle  
19 media and reflect her consistent focus on whole-food, oil-free cooking built around unprocessed  
20 ingredients, legumes, whole grains, fruits, and vegetables. Beyond writing, Ms. Nixon has  
21 conducted cooking demonstrations, workshops, and lectures on plant-based nutrition, addressing  
22 topics including transitioning to a vegan diet, weight management through diet, and budget-  
23 friendly grocery planning, with her work consistently aligning with the broader whole-food,  
24 plant-based preventive health movement. Ms. Nixon is the author and copyright owner of original  
25 literary works that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization  
26 from Ms. Nixon, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Ms. Nixon  
27 registered her six (6) works *Everyday Happy Herbivore*; *The Happy Herbivore Cookbook*; *Happy*  
28 *Herbivore Abroad*; *Happy Herbivore Light and Lean*; *Happy Herbivore Holidays and*

1 *Gatherings*; and *The Happy Herbivore Guide to Plant-Based Living* prior to Defendants'  
2 infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and she seeks statutory damages of up to  
3 \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$900,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

4 106. Plaintiff **Hannah Nordhaus** is a resident of Colorado. Ms. Nordhaus is an  
5 American journalist and nonfiction author known for narrative nonfiction that blends science,  
6 history, culture, and personal voice, and who holds degrees in American Studies and history from  
7 Yale University and the University of Colorado. She has served as a National Geographic  
8 Storytelling Fellow and Explorer and is a Journalist in Residence at the University of Colorado  
9 Boulder, where she serves as an ambassador to students and researchers, speaking to classes,  
10 seminars, and journalism panels. Her writing has appeared in *National Geographic*, *Scientific*  
11 *American*, *Smithsonian*, *Wired*, *The Wall Street Journal*, the *Financial Times*, and *Outside*,  
12 among other major publications. Ms. Nordhaus is the author of *The Beekeeper's Lament: How*  
13 *One Man and Half a Billion Honey Bees Help Feed America* (HarperCollins, 2011), a national  
14 bestseller that profiles a migratory beekeeper to explore the challenges facing bees, agriculture,  
15 and rural communities, which was a finalist for the PEN Center USA Book Awards and Colorado  
16 Book Awards and won the National Federation of Press Women Book Award, and *American*  
17 *Ghost: A Family's Haunted Past in the Desert Southwest* (HarperCollins, 2015), a critically  
18 acclaimed investigation into the life and legend of her great-great-grandmother — a German  
19 immigrant whose life became entwined with frontier history and ghost lore in New Mexico —  
20 which won the WILLA Literary Award and the Seven Sisters Book Award and was named one of  
21 the Best Books of 2015 by *Entertainment Weekly* and *The Denver Post*. Both books have  
22 appeared on national bestseller lists, establishing Ms. Nordhaus as a prominent voice in narrative  
23 nonfiction whose work illuminates complex ecological and cultural issues through rigorous  
24 reporting and deeply human storytelling. Ms. Nordhaus is the author and copyright owner of  
25 original literary works that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without  
26 authorization from Ms. Nordhaus, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright  
27 Act. Ms. Nordhaus registered her two (2) works *American Ghost* and *The Beekeeper's Lament*  
28 prior to Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and she seeks

1 statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$300,000 in statutory damages.  
2 *See Exhibit A.*

3 107. Plaintiff **Kate O’Hearn** is a resident of the United Kingdom. Ms. O’Hearn is a  
4 Canadian-born, internationally bestselling author of children’s and middle-grade fantasy novels  
5 widely known for her mythologically-infused adventure series, who was born in Toronto,  
6 Ontario, raised primarily in New York City, and whose family’s frequent moves across the  
7 United States and Europe exposed her to a variety of cultures and landscapes she later drew upon  
8 in her storytelling. Before turning to full-time writing she worked in the fashion industry and later  
9 in film production, and her first published novel, *Shadow of the Dragon: Kira* (2008), launched  
10 what became a prolific career spanning the Pegasus series (beginning 2011), the Valkyrie trilogy,  
11 the Titans series, and the Atlantis series, with multiple titles published across U.S., U.K., and  
12 international markets. Ms. O’Hearn’s work consistently blends ancient mythology — Greek,  
13 Norse, and Atlantis lore — with contemporary settings and young protagonists, frequently  
14 female, who navigate extraordinary world-changing events while remaining grounded in  
15 friendship, loyalty, and family bonds, helping young readers engage with classical legends in  
16 accessible and emotionally resonant ways. She resides in England, where she continues to write  
17 and maintain a global readership, and her prolific output across richly detailed fantasy worlds has  
18 made her a significant contributor to the children’s and middle-grade fantasy publishing  
19 landscape. Her play, *Gail Force Nine*, recently won a UK national award from NODA. Ms.  
20 O’Hearn is the author and copyright owner of original literary works that Defendants copied,  
21 uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Ms. O’Hearn, and for which  
22 Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Ms. O’Hearn registered her five (5) works  
23 *Pegasus and the Flame; Pegasus and the New Olympians; Pegasus and the Origins of Olympus;*  
24 *Valkyrie; and The Runaway* prior to Defendants’ infringement with the United States Copyright  
25 Office, and she seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$750,000  
26 in statutory damages. *See Exhibit A.*

27 108. Plaintiff **Randal Pinkett** is a resident of New Jersey. Dr. Pinkett is an American  
28 entrepreneur, innovator, speaker, author, and media personality who is the co-founder, chairman,

1 and CEO of BCT Partners, a global, multimillion-dollar research, training, consulting,  
2 technology, artificial intelligence, and data analytics firm whose mission is to transform lives and  
3 create lasting change, and which has been recognized by Forbes as one of America's Best  
4 Management Consulting Firms, by Ernst & Young as EY Entrepreneur of the Year, by Global  
5 100 as Management Consulting Business of the Year, and by both the Black Enterprise BE100s  
6 list of the nation's largest Black-owned businesses and the Inc. 5000 list of the fastest-growing  
7 private companies in America. Dr. Pinkett holds five degrees in electrical engineering, computer  
8 science, and business administration from Rutgers University, Oxford University, and MIT,  
9 where he earned his Ph.D.; he was the first and only African American to receive the prestigious  
10 Rhodes Scholarship at Rutgers, was inducted into the Academic All-America Hall of Fame as a  
11 former Rutgers track and field athlete, and was the winner of NBC's hit reality television show  
12 *The Apprentice*. He is a regular contributor on MSNBC, CNN, and Fox Business News, an  
13 international public speaker, and the author of several books including *Data-Driven DEI*, *Black*  
14 *Faces in High Places*, *Black Faces in White Places*, *Campus CEO*, and *No-Money Down CEO*,  
15 works that collectively reflect his leadership at the intersection of business, technology, and social  
16 justice. Dr. Pinkett is the author and copyright owner of an original literary work that Defendants  
17 copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Dr. Pinkett, and for which  
18 Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Dr. Pinkett registered his three (3) works  
19 *Campus CEO: The Student Entrepreneur's Guide to Launching a Multimillion-Dollar Business*;  
20 *Black Faces in White Places*, and *Black Faces In White Places: 10 Game-Changing Strategies To*  
21 *Achieve Success And Find Greatness* prior to Defendants' infringement with the United States  
22 Copyright Office, and he seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to  
23 \$450,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

24 109. Plaintiff **Matteo Pistono** is a resident of California. Mr. Pistono is an American  
25 author, teacher, and scholar of Buddhism whose work bridges spiritual practice, cultural history,  
26 and social engagement. His writing includes memoir, biography, investigative reportage, and  
27 practical guides exploring the human mind, Tibetan culture, and the intersection of spirituality  
28 and human rights. Mr. Pistono earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology from the

1 University of Wyoming and a Master of Arts degree in Indian Philosophy from the School of  
2 Oriental and African Studies, University of London, in 1997. Early in his career, he worked with  
3 the Smithsonian Institution on Tibetan cultural programs. Mr. Pistono is the author of *In the*  
4 *Shadow of the Buddha: Secret Journeys, Sacred Histories, and Spiritual Discovery in Tibet*  
5 (2011), a work combining spiritual biography, undercover reporting, and Himalayan travel  
6 writing based on more than a decade of firsthand travel and fieldwork in Tibet and the Himalayas.  
7 During that period, Mr. Pistono operated as one of a small number of independent Western  
8 human rights documentarians working inside the People’s Republic of China and Tibetan regions  
9 under Chinese control. The book draws upon his unique firsthand experiences, relationships, and  
10 access to Tibetan teachers, pilgrims, monasteries, and communities that were inaccessible to most  
11 foreign writers and journalists at the time. Mr. Pistono is also the author of *Fearless in Tibet: The*  
12 *Life of the Mystic Tertön Sogyal* (2014), a biographical and historical study of the nineteenth-  
13 century Tibetan Buddhist master Tertön Sogyal, whose teachings influenced the Thirteenth Dalai  
14 Lama and modern Tibetan Buddhism. The book reflects years of specialized research, translation  
15 work, pilgrimage, oral history collection, and study within Tibetan Buddhist lineages. Mr. Pistono  
16 is widely recognized for his expertise regarding the life, teachings, and historical significance of  
17 Tertön Sogyal. The perspectives, research, access, field experience, and personal relationships  
18 underlying *In the Shadow of the Buddha* and *Fearless in Tibet* are uniquely tied to Mr. Pistono’s  
19 lived experience, scholarship, and decades of work within Tibetan Buddhist communities. These  
20 works could not have been created without Mr. Pistono’s distinctive combination of firsthand  
21 reporting, academic training, spiritual practice, historical research, and personal access to Tibetan  
22 teachers and communities. Mr. Pistono is also the author of *Meditation: Coming to Know Your*  
23 *Mind* (2017), *Roar: Sulak Sivaraksa and the Path of Socially Engaged Buddhism* (2019), and  
24 *Breathe How You Want to Feel* (2024). His articles, essays, and photography have appeared in  
25 *The Washington Post*, the BBC, *Men’s Journal*, *Tricycle*, and other publications. Mr. Pistono is  
26 the founder of Nekorpa, a foundation dedicated to protecting sacred pilgrimage sites worldwide,  
27 and serves on the Executive Council of the International Network of Engaged Buddhists,  
28 reflecting his longstanding commitment to cultural preservation, contemplative practice, and

1 compassionate social engagement. Mr. Pistono is the author and copyright owner of original  
2 literary works that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization  
3 from Mr. Pistono, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Mr. Pistono  
4 registered his two (2) works *Fearless in Tibet* and *In the Shadow of the Buddha* prior to  
5 Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and he seeks statutory  
6 damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$300,000 in statutory damages. See  
7 Exhibit A.

8 110. Plaintiff **Bruce Ratner, as Executor of the Estate of Michael Ratner**, is a  
9 resident of New York. Michael Ratner (1943–2016) was an American civil rights attorney,  
10 constitutional lawyer, legal scholar, and author who became one of the most prominent legal  
11 advocates for human rights and government accountability in the United States over the course of  
12 his career. He served as President Emeritus of the Center for Constitutional Rights, a nonprofit  
13 legal organization dedicated to advancing and protecting constitutional and human rights, where  
14 he led litigation efforts involving civil liberties violations, government surveillance, U.S. foreign  
15 policy accountability, and detainee rights, and played a central role in landmark legal challenges  
16 to U.S. detention practices following the September 11 attacks, representing detainees held at  
17 Guantánamo Bay and helping initiate Supreme Court rulings recognizing detainees' rights to  
18 habeas corpus and access to U.S. courts. Mr. Ratner also provided legal counsel to high-profile  
19 international figures including Julian Assange and was an outspoken critic of policies he believed  
20 violated international law. He authored and co-authored several books combining legal analysis  
21 with accessible explanations of constitutional rights and international law, including  
22 *Guantanamo: What the World Should Know*, *Hell No: Your Right to Dissent in 21st-Century*  
23 *America*, and *Moving the Bar: My Life as a Radical Lawyer*, and lectured widely on  
24 constitutional law, human rights, and civil liberties while appearing frequently in media  
25 interviews and public forums discussing executive power, surveillance, and international  
26 accountability. The Estate of Michael Ratner is the copyright owner of an original literary work  
27 that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization, and for which  
28 Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Michael Ratner registered his one (1) work

1 *Guantanamo: What the World Should Know* prior to Defendants' infringement with the United  
2 States Copyright Office, and seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up  
3 to \$150,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

4 111. Plaintiff **Andrew Revkin** is a resident of Maine. Mr. Revkin is an American  
5 environmental journalist, author, educator, and communicator who has spent more than forty  
6 years reporting on climate change, sustainability, global environmental risk, and science  
7 communication, and whose career has shaped how environmental storytelling and problem-  
8 solving are understood in the public sphere. He earned a B.S. in Biology from Brown University  
9 and a Master's in Journalism from Columbia University, and held editorial and writing positions  
10 at *Discover* magazine, *Science Digest*, and the *Los Angeles Times* before joining *The New York*  
11 *Times* in 1995, where he covered environmental issues ranging from the Amazon rainforest and  
12 Hurricane Katrina to climate science and politics, created the influential Dot Earth blog in 2007  
13 — recognized as one of *Time* magazine's top blogs — and was the first Times reporter to file  
14 stories, photos, and videos from sea ice near the North Pole. Mr. Revkin subsequently served as  
15 senior reporter for climate change at ProPublica, as a strategic adviser for environmental and  
16 science journalism at the National Geographic Society, and as founding director of the Initiative  
17 on Communication and Sustainability at Columbia University's Earth Institute, and has been the  
18 recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, the John Chancellor Award for sustained journalistic  
19 excellence, and National Academies communication awards, among other honors. He is the  
20 author of several acclaimed books combining science, history, and narrative reporting, including  
21 *The Burning Season: The Murder of Chico Mendes and the Fight for the Amazon Rain Forest*,  
22 which inspired an HBO film and won the Robert F. Kennedy Book Award and the Sidney  
23 Hillman Foundation Book Prize; *Global Warming: Understanding the Forecast*; *The North Pole*  
24 *Was Here: Puzzles and Perils at the Top of the World*; *Weather: An Illustrated History, from*  
25 *Cloud Atlases to Climate Change*; and *The Human Planet: Earth at the Dawn of the*  
26 *Anthropocene*. Mr. Revkin is the author and copyright owner of an original literary work that  
27 Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Mr. Revkin,  
28 and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Mr. Revkin registered his one

1 (1) work *The Burning Season* prior to Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright  
2 Office, and he seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$150,000  
3 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

4 112. Plaintiff **Christopher Ricci**, writing professionally as Christopher Greyson, is a  
5 resident of Tennessee. Mr. Ricci (aka Christopher Greyson) is a *New York Times*, *USA Today*,  
6 *Wall Street Journal*, multi-award-winning, international bestselling author of mystery, action, and  
7 thriller novels. Recognized as one of the top 100 Kindle authors of all time, his acclaimed novels  
8 have sold over 5 million hardcover, eBooks, print, and audiobooks and have grossed over 53  
9 million dollars in sales. An accomplished speaker, actor, and prolific storyteller, he has written  
10 more than 30 novels, ranging from pulse-pounding thrillers to cozy mysteries and has over ten  
11 separate book series. Mr. Ricci graduated from Bridgewater State University with a dual major in  
12 Computer Science and Communications. He worked in the field of computers for twenty-five  
13 years for a wide range of companies including the US EPA and a subsidiary of Microsoft. Mr.  
14 Ricci (Greyson) is the author and copyright owner of original literary works that Defendants  
15 copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Mr. Ricci (Greyson), and  
16 for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Mr. Ricci (Greyson) registered his  
17 eight (8) works: *Jack Knifed*; *Data Jack*; *Pure of Heart*; *Jack Frost*; *Girl Jacked*; *Jack and the*  
18 *Giant Killer*; *And Then She Was Gone* and *Jack of Hearts* prior to Defendants' infringement with  
19 the United States Copyright Office, and he seeks statutory damages of \$150,000 per work, for a  
20 total of 1,200,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

21 113. Plaintiff **Christopher Ricci** also is the author and copyright owner of original  
22 literary works that, upon information and belief, Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and  
23 exploited without authorization from Ricci, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the  
24 Copyright Act. These titles did not appear on the *Bartz v. Anthropic* settlement works list. **Ricci**  
25 registered his 17 titles: *Data Jacked*; *The Girl Who Lived*; *The Case of the Wayward Ride*; *The*  
26 *Case of the Attic Door*; *The Case of the Dropped Groceries*; *The Case of the Phantom Pet*; *The*  
27 *Case of Disappearing Diamond*; *The Case of Raining Nails*; *The Case of the Slippery Dog*; *The*  
28 *Case of Lightning Strikes Twice*; *The Case of the Missing Gift*; *Jack of Diamonds*; *One Little Lie*;

1 *Captain Jack; Kindle the Fires of War; Dance of Death* and *A Beautiful Place to Die* prior to  
2 Defendants' infringement with the US Copyright Office. He seeks statutory damages of up to  
3 \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$2,550,000 in statutory damages for these works. See  
4 Exhibit A.

5 114. Plaintiff **Sarah Elizabeth Richards** is a resident of California. Ms. Richards is an  
6 award-winning American journalist, writer, and nonfiction author known for her reporting on  
7 health, science, psychology, and social issues, who has written for more than two dozen major  
8 newspapers, magazines, and online outlets including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*,  
9 *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Atlantic*, *Time*, *Elle*, *Marie Claire*, *Slate*, *Salon*, and *Smithsonian*  
10 *Magazine*. She completed her undergraduate studies at the University of California, Berkeley, and  
11 holds master's degrees from both the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism and the  
12 School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University. Ms. Richards is the author of  
13 *Motherhood, Rescheduled: The New Frontier of Egg Freezing and the Women Who Tried It*  
14 (Simon & Schuster, 2015), a narrative nonfiction work chronicling the lives of several women —  
15 including herself — who pursue egg freezing to extend their reproductive options, combining  
16 personal narrative with broader social context and scientific research to explore how reproductive  
17 technologies intersect with gender norms, career aspirations, dating culture, and family formation.  
18 She has been recognized with multiple awards including three Newswomen's Club of New York  
19 Front Page Awards, most recently for a science feature on controversial infertility treatments,  
20 reflecting her excellence in reporting on nuanced health topics and her ability to translate  
21 complex scientific and medical issues into clear, compassionate, and engaging narrative  
22 journalism. Ms. Richards is the author and copyright owner of an original literary work that  
23 Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Ms. Richards,  
24 and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Ms. Richards registered her  
25 one (1) work *Motherhood, Rescheduled* prior to Defendants' infringement with the United States  
26 Copyright Office, and she seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to  
27 \$150,000 in statutory damages. See Exhibit A.

28 115. Plaintiff **Julian Rubinstein** is a resident of Colorado. Mr. Rubinstein is an

1 American journalist, nonfiction author, documentary filmmaker, and educator born in the Bronx,  
2 New York, whose longform reporting blends deep investigation with narrative storytelling and  
3 whose work examines crime, culture, race, and community dynamics in America and beyond. He  
4 began his career as an agate clerk on the *Washington Post* sports desk before writing for *Sports*  
5 *Illustrated* and later becoming a freelance journalist whose longform pieces have appeared in *The*  
6 *New Yorker*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *Rolling Stone*, and other major publications, with  
7 reporting featured in anthologies including *Best American Essays*, *Best American Crime Writing*,  
8 *Best American Science and Nature Writing*, and *Best American Sports Writing*. Mr. Rubinstein is  
9 the author of *Ballad of the Whiskey Robber* (2004), the true story of Hungarian bank robber and  
10 folk figure Attila Ambrus, which won Borders' Original Voices Non-fiction Book of the Year,  
11 was a *New York Times* Editors' Choice, and was a finalist for the 2005 Edgar Allan Poe Award  
12 for Best Fact Crime, a finalist for the 2005 Anthony Award for Best Nonfiction Crime, and a  
13 finalist for the 2007 Audie Award for Best Audio Book, serving as narrator, director and  
14 producer; and *The Holly: Five Bullets, One Gun and the Struggle to Save an American*  
15 *Neighborhood* (2021), a deep examination of a 2013 shooting in Denver's Holly neighborhood  
16 that serves as a powerful lens on race, policing, activism, and urban development, and which was  
17 named a *New York Times* Editors' Choice and won the Colorado Book Award for General  
18 Nonfiction and the High Plains Book Award for Creative Nonfiction. While reporting *The Holly*,  
19 Mr. Rubinstein began filming the unfolding story, which became the feature documentary he  
20 wrote, directed and produced, *The Holly* — executive produced by Academy Award-winner  
21 Adam McKay — premiering in 2022 and winning the 2024 Heartland Emmy for Best  
22 Documentary, the 2025 national Emmy for Outstanding Regional Documentary, the 2023  
23 Investigative Reporters & Editors Award for Best Documentary and the 2024 University Film and  
24 Video Association award for Outstanding Merit in Documentary. He has taught longform and  
25 documentary journalism at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism, Colorado  
26 College, and the University of Denver, and currently serves as Filmmaker and Journalist-in-  
27 Residence at Western Colorado University. Mr. Rubinstein is the author and copyright owner of  
28 original literary works that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without

1 authorization from Mr. Rubinstein, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright  
2 Act. Mr. Rubinstein registered his two (2) works *Ballad of the Whiskey Robber* and *The*  
3 *Holly* prior to Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and he seeks  
4 statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$300,000 in statutory  
5 damages. *See* Exhibit A.

6 116. Plaintiff **Danny Rust** is a resident of North Dakota. Mr. Rust is an American  
7 author, keynote speaker, podcast host, and corporate leadership development executive whose  
8 work focuses on leadership, workplace dynamics, employee engagement, and the unwritten rules  
9 that shape careers and organizations. He brings more than 30 years of corporate leadership  
10 experience to his guidance. He currently serves as Vice President of Global Leadership  
11 Development at Infopro Learning, a corporate training firm serving Fortune 500 organizations,  
12 and his prior senior leadership roles include learning and support services leadership at Bright  
13 Horizons Family Solutions and commercial learning initiatives at GE. Mr. Rust is the author of  
14 *Workplace Poker: Are You Playing the Game, or Just Getting Played?* (HarperBusiness, 2016), a  
15 practical guide for professionals seeking to navigate the unspoken cultural and political dynamics  
16 of corporate life and accelerate their careers, which pairs narrative examples with practical  
17 exercises on topics including recognizing career blind spots, authentic self-promotion, building  
18 personal influence, learning from setbacks, and navigating organizational politics with strategy  
19 and integrity. His forthcoming second book, *The Unbearable Lightness of Leading: Reaching*  
20 *Employees Who Are Restless, Resistant, and Rewired* (Matt Holt/Simon & Schuster, Fall 2026),  
21 examines how leaders can connect with today's restless and rapidly changing workforce. Mr. Rust  
22 hosts two podcasts, "Leadership, Disrupted" and "Jobsmacked," and has been recognized as a  
23 LinkedIn Top Voice for leadership. He has delivered keynote speeches and workshops on  
24 leadership, employee engagement, productivity, and career strategy for audiences across sectors,  
25 helping individuals, teams, and executives adapt to evolving workplace realities including hybrid  
26 work, generational differences, and rapid technological change. Mr. Rust is the author and  
27 copyright owner of an original literary work that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and  
28 exploited without authorization from Mr. Rust, and for which Anthropic caused damages under

1 the Copyright Act. Mr. Rust registered his one (1) work Workplace Poker prior to Defendants'  
2 infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and he seeks statutory damages of up to  
3 \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$150,000 in statutory damages. See Exhibit A.

4 117. Plaintiff **Allen Salkin** is a resident of California. Mr. Salkin is an American  
5 journalist, author, media critic, and cultural observer known for his deep reporting on food media,  
6 pop culture, politics, and modern American society, whose work spans books, major newspaper  
7 and magazine articles, podcasts, documentary appearances, and both print and broadcast media.  
8 He earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of California, Berkeley and a Master's in  
9 Journalism from New York University, and spent several years as a staff reporter at *The New*  
10 *York Times*, writing hundreds of features on food, culture, media, and society, while also  
11 contributing to *New York*, *The Village Voice*, *Details*, *Vanity Fair*, *Food & Wine*, and other  
12 national outlets; his early journalism included investigative reporting for the *New York Post*  
13 covering politics, corruption, and high-profile cultural figures. Mr. Salkin is the author of  
14 *Festivus: The Holiday for the Rest of Us* (2005), a cultural exploration of the parody holiday  
15 popularized by *Seinfeld*; *From Scratch: The Uncensored History of the Food Network* (2013), an  
16 in-depth history of how the Food Network became a cultural powerhouse based on extensive  
17 insider interviews; and *The Method to the Madness: Donald Trump's Ascent as Told by Those*  
18 *Who Were Hired, Fired, Inspired -- and Inaugurated*. (2019, co-authored with Aaron Short), an  
19 oral history capturing multiple perspectives on Trump's rise. His reporting on the Sarma  
20 Melngailis "Bad Vegan" case became central to the Netflix documentary series *Bad Vegan:*  
21 *Fame. Fraud. Fugitives*. (2022), in which he appears extensively, and he has also appeared in  
22 documentary features including *Eat: The Story of Food* and hosted the podcast New Books in  
23 Food, reflecting his versatility across platforms in translating cultural phenomena into engaging,  
24 well-reported narratives. Mr. Salkin is the author and copyright owner of original literary works  
25 that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Mr.  
26 Salkin, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Mr. Salkin registered  
27 his two (2) works *From Scratch: The Uncensored History of the Food Network* and *The Method*  
28 *to the Madness* (note full title above) prior to Defendants' infringement with the United States

1 Copyright Office, and he seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to  
2 \$300,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

3 118. Plaintiff **Danielle Santiago-Cofield** is a resident of North Carolina. Mrs. Santiago  
4 is an American novelist known for writing urban fiction. Her books are focused on the Afro  
5 American Community which also includes the Afro Latino community and are predominantly  
6 Based around Afro Americans. Her work aligns with authors who foreground the lived  
7 experiences of people navigating poverty, crime economies, loyalty networks, and survival-driven  
8 ambition, and her career has focused on crafting gritty, character-driven narratives that blend  
9 crime fiction with social realism, contributing authenticity and insider perspective to the genre.  
10 Mrs. Santiago is the author of *The Conglomerate*, a novel centering on characters involved in  
11 organized street-level enterprises that explores the rise and fall of a powerful urban network,  
12 examining how ambition, loyalty, love, and betrayal intersect within high-risk underground  
13 economies, and which is marked by realistic depictions of street hierarchies, multi-character  
14 perspectives, and strong female figures navigating male-dominated environments. Her work has  
15 expanded urban fiction's scope by focusing on these communities and bicultural identity within  
16 the socioeconomic struggles the genre portrays, integrating women as central decision-makers  
17 rather than peripheral characters and preserving the linguistic rhythms, cultural references, and  
18 community-specific dynamics that enrich contemporary urban literature. Mrs. Santiago is the  
19 author and copyright owner of an original literary work that Defendants copied, uploaded,  
20 distributed, and exploited without authorization from Mrs. Santiago, and for which Anthropic  
21 caused damages under the Copyright Act. Mrs. Santiago registered her one (1) work *The*  
22 *Conglomerate* prior to Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and she  
23 seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$150,000 in statutory  
24 damages. *See* Exhibit A.

25 119. Plaintiff **DeForest B. Soaries, Jr.** is a resident of Florida. Dr. Soaries is an  
26 American pastor, civil rights activist, public servant, entrepreneur, and author whose career has  
27 spanned pastoral ministry, government service, faith-based community development, and  
28 financial literacy advocacy. He served as Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Lincoln

1 Gardens in Somerset, New Jersey from 1990 to 2021, founded the Central Jersey Community  
2 Development Corporation in 1992 to revitalize distressed neighborhoods, and founded the  
3 Harvest of Hope Family Services Network in 1996 to develop permanent solutions for children in  
4 the foster care system. Dr. Soaries began his career as a civil rights activist working with  
5 Reverend Jesse Jackson, Sr. as National Coordinator of Operation PUSH, served as New Jersey’s  
6 Secretary of State from 1999 to 2002 — the first African American male to hold that position —  
7 and served as chairman of the United States Election Assistance Commission, established by  
8 Congress to implement the Help America Vote Act of 2002. In 2005, Dr. Soaries launched the  
9 dfree® Financial Freedom Movement, a strategy teaching people how to break free from debt as  
10 a first step toward financial freedom that is currently used by over 5,000 churches and  
11 organizations across the country and was featured in a 90-minute CNN documentary entitled  
12 *Almighty Debt*. He is the author of thirteen books including *Say Yes to No Debt: How to Achieve*  
13 *Financial Freedom, Meditations for Financial Freedom* (Volumes 1–4), and *Say Yes When Life*  
14 *Says No*, and holds a Bachelor of Arts from Fordham University, a Master of Divinity from  
15 Princeton Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry from United Theological Seminary.  
16 Dr. Soaries is the author and copyright owner of an original literary work that Defendants copied,  
17 uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Dr. Soaries, and for which  
18 Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Dr. Soaries registered his one (1) work *Say*  
19 *Yes to No Debt* prior to Defendants’ infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and he  
20 seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$150,000 in statutory  
21 damages. *See* Exhibit A.

22 120. Plaintiff **Jesse Stay** is a resident of Utah. Mr. Stay is an American author, social  
23 media strategist, technology consultant, and entrepreneur known for his expertise in digital  
24 marketing, social media platforms, and automation, and who describes himself as the “Social  
25 Geek” through his consultancy and agency Stay N Alive Productions, LLC, through which he  
26 helps businesses grow their audiences and leverage new technologies. Drawing on early  
27 experience as a software developer and Facebook application developer, he worked on Facebook  
28 Connect integrations and early social application initiatives for major companies before pivoting

1 in 2008 to helping brands grow their follower counts, engage audiences, and use analytics to  
2 convert social media activity into business goals, and has also served as a professor of social  
3 media advertising and advocacy. Mr. Stay is the author of thirteen or more books bridging  
4 technical fluency with accessible marketing guidance, including titles in the widely used For  
5 Dummies series such as *FBML Essentials*, *Facebook All-In-One for Dummies*, *Minecraft for*  
6 *Dummies*, *Minecraft Recipes for Dummies*, *Google+ for Dummies*, *Facebook Application*  
7 *Development for Dummies*, *Google+ Marketing for Dummies*, *Canva for Dummies*, and *TikTok*  
8 *for Dummies*, among others — works that have democratized knowledge of digital platforms by  
9 bringing complex topics including social media advertising, automation, and influencer tactics  
10 into the hands of business owners, marketers, and creators without technical backgrounds. His  
11 early involvement in Facebook’s developer community, combined with his sustained public  
12 presence through speaking engagements and consulting for large organizations, has positioned  
13 him as a recognized thought leader in the digital marketing ecosystem. Mr. Stay is the author and  
14 copyright owner of original literary works that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and  
15 exploited without authorization from Mr. Stay, and for which Anthropic caused damages under  
16 the Copyright Act. Mr. Stay registered his one (1) work *FBML Essentials* prior to Defendants’  
17 infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and he seeks statutory damages of up to  
18 \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$150,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

19 121. Plaintiff **Gene Stone** is a resident of California. Mr. Stone is an American author,  
20 editor, journalist, and ghostwriter who graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Stanford University and  
21 earned a Master’s degree in English and American Literature from Harvard University before  
22 serving two years as a Peace Corps teacher in Niger. He went on to work as a book, magazine,  
23 and newspaper editor for companies including the *Los Angeles Times*, *Esquire*, and Simon &  
24 Schuster, then as a magazine journalist for *New York*, *Esquire*, *GQ*, and other publications, before  
25 transitioning to books — most often as a ghostwriter — for a diverse roster of subjects including  
26 theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking (*A Brief History of Time: A Reader’s Companion*), CNN  
27 Executive Vice President Gail Evans (*Play Like a Man, Win Like a Woman*), TOMS shoes  
28 founder Blake Mycoskie (*Start Something That Matters*), and New York City Mayor Eric Adams

1 (*Healthy at Last*). Mr. Stone has also written numerous books under his own name, including the  
2 #1 *Washington Post* bestseller *The Bush Survival Bible*, the #1 *Los Angeles Times* bestseller *The*  
3 *Trump Survival Guide*, the bestselling *Secrets of People Who Never Get Sick*, and the #1 *New*  
4 *York Times* bestseller *Forks Over Knives*, and has written, co-written, or ghostwritten a  
5 substantial body of works on plant-based diets and their relationship to health, animals, and the  
6 environment, including *72 Reasons to Be Vegan*, *How Not to Die*, *Living the Farm Sanctuary*  
7 *Life*, *Rescue Dogs*, *Mercy for Animals*, *The Engine 2 Diet*, and *Animalkind*, among others —  
8 bringing his total of written, co-authored, and ghostwritten books to fifty. Mr. Stone is the author  
9 and copyright owner of original literary works that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and  
10 exploited without authorization from Mr. Stone, and for which Anthropic caused damages under  
11 the Copyright Act. Mr. Stone registered his five (5) works *How Not to Die*, *The How Not to Die*  
12 *Cookbook*; *Secrets of People Who Never Get Sick*; *Eat for the Planet*; and *72 Reasons to Be*  
13 *Vegan* prior to Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and he seeks  
14 statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$750,000 in statutory damages.  
15 See Exhibit A.

16 122. Plaintiff **Gene Stone** also is the author and copyright owner of original literary  
17 works that, upon information and belief, Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited  
18 without authorization from **Stone**, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright  
19 Act and which titles did not appear on the *Bartz v. Anthropic* works list. **Stone** registered his  
20 three (3) titles; *The Watch*; *The Watch, Thoroughly Revised*; and *Little Girl Fly Away* and he  
21 seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$450,000 in statutory  
22 damages for these works. See Exhibit A.

23 123. Plaintiff **Jordana Rothman** is a resident of New York. Ms. Rothman is an  
24 American food writer, editor, and author known for her work at the intersection of cookbooks,  
25 culinary storytelling, and practical home cooking, and who built her career in food media and  
26 publishing as an influential voice for translating professional culinary ideas into accessible  
27 formats. She served as Restaurant Editor at *Food & Wine* where she oversaw editorial direction,  
28 and large-scale culinary projects, collaborating closely with chefs, photographers, and writers to

1 shape how global cuisines and contemporary food culture were presented to a broad readership.  
2 Ms. Rothman is the author and co-author of *Tacos: Recipes and Provocations* (co-authored and  
3 co-owned with Alex Stupak), a cookbook characterized by clear instruction, cultural sensitivity,  
4 and bold flavors. She is widely respected for her ability to synthesize food culture into compelling  
5 and distinctive narratives. Ms. Rothman is the author and copyright owner of original literary  
6 works that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from  
7 Ms. Rothman, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Ms. Rothman  
8 registered her work *Tacos: Recipes and Provocations* (co-authored and co-owned with Plaintiff  
9 Alex Stupak) prior to Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and she  
10 seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$150,000 in statutory  
11 damages. See Exhibit A.

12 124. Plaintiff **Alex Stupak** is a resident of New York. He owns Plaintiff **Empellon**  
13 **Holdings LLC**. Mr. Stupak is an American chef, restaurateur, and cookbook author recognized  
14 for his innovative approach to Mexican cuisine in the United States, who trained in high-end fine-  
15 dining kitchens before redirecting his career toward reimagining Mexican food through a modern,  
16 technique-driven lens. He is the founder and chef behind the Empellón restaurant group in New  
17 York City, which gained national attention for challenging stereotypes about Mexican cuisine by  
18 combining traditional Mexican flavors with contemporary culinary techniques and fine-dining  
19 aesthetics, earning critical acclaim including James Beard Award nominations. Beyond his  
20 restaurant work, Mr. Stupak has become an influential voice through cookbooks and public  
21 commentary advocating for Mexican cuisine to be taken seriously as a complex, evolving  
22 culinary tradition, and is the author of *Now & Again: Go-To Recipes, Inspired Menus, and*  
23 *Endless Ideas for Reinventing Leftovers (2018)*, a cookbook that reframes leftovers as intentional  
24 building blocks and encourages cooks to think in systems, flavors, and transformations. Mr.  
25 Stupak is the author and copyright owner of original literary works that Defendants copied,  
26 uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Mr. Stupak, and for which  
27 Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Mr. Stupak registered his work *Tacos:*  
28 *Recipes and Provocations* (co-authored and co-owned with Plaintiff **Empellon Holdings LLC**

1 Plaintiff **Jordana Rothman**) prior to Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright  
2 Office, and he seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$150,000  
3 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

4 125. Plaintiff **Empellon Holdings LLC** is the copyright co-owner of the title, *Tacos:*  
5 *Recipes and Provocations* and is a Delaware company that is owned by Plaintiff **Alex Stupak**.

6 126. Plaintiff **Kiki Swinson** is a resident of Georgia. Ms. Swinson is a New York  
7 Times bestselling author and one of the most commercially successful voices in urban fiction and  
8 street literature, having written more than fifty novels, many of which have appeared on the *New*  
9 *York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Essence* bestseller lists, and who has played a major role in bringing  
10 urban fiction into the mainstream publishing world. She began her writing career independently,  
11 building a loyal readership through word-of-mouth and grassroots promotion before being  
12 embraced by major publishers including Kensington/Dafina, Grand Central Publishing, and  
13 Urban Books, and is especially known for her iconic *Wifey* series and *Candy Shop* series, as well  
14 as for collaborative novels co-authored with other prominent urban fiction writers including Nikki  
15 Turner, which helped expand both her audience and the genre's reach. Ms. Swinson's work  
16 centers on strong, flawed, and resilient women navigating street life, crime, love, power, and  
17 betrayal, characterized by tight pacing, high drama, and strong commercial appeal, and her  
18 consistent bestseller status helped demonstrate that urban fiction could be both culturally relevant  
19 and financially successful at scale, transforming the genre from a niche market into a dominant  
20 commercial force. Ms. Swinson is the author and copyright owner of original literary works that  
21 Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Ms. Swinson,  
22 and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Ms. Swinson registered her  
23 twenty-three (23) works *The Candy Shop; Wifey; Playing Dirty; Wifey 4 Life; Life After Wifey;*  
24 *New York's Finest; Cheaper to Keep Her; Notorious; A Sticky Situation; Still Wifey Material;*  
25 *Fistful of Benjamins; The Score; The Mark; Most Wanted; The Black Market; The Deadline; Heist*  
26 *2; Schemes; Dirty Tricks; Bad Behavior; Dead on Arrival; Property of the State; and Public*  
27 *Enemy #1* prior to Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and she  
28 seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$3,450,000 in statutory

1 damages. *See* Exhibit A.

2 127. Plaintiff **Natalia Sylvester** is a resident of Florida. Ms. Sylvester is a Peruvian  
3 American author of literary fiction and young adult novels. She has also written a children's  
4 picture book and a middle grade novel, with 4 more books under contract. She has two recently  
5 published books: *A Maleta Full of Treasures* and *No Way Never Sisters*. Her works center on  
6 Latinx identity, immigration, family dynamics, and political consciousness. She began her  
7 publishing career in adult literary fiction with her debut novel *Chasing the Sun* (2014), which  
8 introduced her interest in complicated family relationships and transnational identity, and  
9 followed with *Everyone Knows You Go Home* (2018), a multi-generational novel blending  
10 realism with speculative elements to examine the lingering impact of immigration decisions  
11 across time. Ms. Sylvester expanded into young adult fiction with *Running* (2020), which  
12 addresses political polarization through the lens of a teenage girl whose father runs for U.S.  
13 president on an anti-immigration platform, bringing contemporary immigration debates and civic  
14 identity into emotionally resonant YA storytelling, and *Breathe and Count Back from Ten* (2022),  
15 which focuses on body autonomy, disability, sexuality, and cultural expectations within a  
16 Peruvian American family, broadening the scope of Latinx narratives in youth literature. In  
17 addition to her novels, Ms. Sylvester has contributed essays and commentary to literary and  
18 cultural publications on issues of representation, immigration narratives, and Latinx storytelling,  
19 and her career reflects a sustained commitment to centering underrepresented voices and  
20 normalizing complex Latinx protagonists in both adult and youth mainstream publishing. Ms.  
21 Sylvester is the author and copyright owner of original literary works that Defendants copied,  
22 uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Ms. Sylvester, and for which  
23 Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Ms. Sylvester registered her two (2) works  
24 *Chasing the Sun* and *Everyone Knows You Go Home* prior to Defendants' infringement with the  
25 United States Copyright Office, and she seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for  
26 a total of up to \$300,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

27 128. Plaintiff **Brenda L. Thomas** is a resident of Pennsylvania. Ms. Thomas is an  
28 Essence bestselling author, Philadelphia native, and winner of the African American Literary

1 Award whose work spans multiple genres including erotic fiction, psychological thrillers, mystery  
2 and suspense, and memoir, reflecting her refusal to be confined to a single genre. She is the  
3 author of the Essence bestselling novels *Threesome*, *Fourplay*, and *The Velvet Rope*, the  
4 psychological thriller *Heartless*, the novel *Kaleidoscope*, and the memoir *Laying Down My*  
5 *Burdens*, among other works. Ms. Thomas is also the author of *Woman on Top* (2015), a novel  
6 about a former “Queen of Philly’s nightlife” navigating high-stakes politics and a dark past,  
7 which exemplifies her ability to blend psychological tension, social realism, and compelling  
8 character-driven storytelling. Ms. Thomas is the author and copyright owner of an original  
9 literary work that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization  
10 from Ms. Thomas, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Ms.  
11 Thomas registered her one (1) work *Woman on Top* prior to Defendants’ infringement with the  
12 United States Copyright Office, and she seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for  
13 a total of up to \$150,000 in statutory damages. See Exhibit A.

14 129. Plaintiff **Brenda L. Thomas** also is the author and copyright owner of original  
15 literary works that, upon information and belief, Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and  
16 exploited without authorization from Ms. **Thomas**, and for which Anthropic caused damages  
17 under the Copyright Act which include titles *The Velvet Rope*; *Fourplay*, *The Dance Of*  
18 *Sensuality*; *Every Woman's Got A Secret*; *Laying Down My Burdens*; *Secret Service*; *Every New*  
19 *Year*; *Bewitched*; *Heartless*, *When Love Isn't Enough*; *Sayin' A Taste*; *Threesome*, *Where*  
20 *Seduction, Power & Basketball Collide*, and *Four Degrees Of Heat* that did not appear on the  
21 *Bartz v. Anthropic* works list. Ms. **Thomas** registered her 11 titles and she seeks statutory  
22 damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$1,650,000 in statutory damages for  
23 these works. See Exhibit A.

24 130. Plaintiff **Lisa Turner** is a resident of Tennessee. Her legal name is Elizabeth  
25 Celeste Turner. Ms. Turner is an American crime novelist and Southern mystery author whose  
26 evocative stories explore the darker corners of human nature against the atmospheric backdrop of  
27 the American South, and who was born in Memphis, Tennessee, dividing her time between her  
28 ancestral home in the Deep South and a writing retreat in Nova Scotia, with her deep connection

1 to place richly informing her fiction’s sense of setting and mood. She is the author of the  
2 Detective Billy Able series, beginning with her debut novel *A Little Death in Dixie* (2010),  
3 followed by *The Gone Dead Train* (2014), which was nominated for the Edgar Award for Best  
4 Paperback Original in 2015 — one of mystery fiction’s most prestigious honors — and *Devil Sent*  
5 *the Rain* (2016), a dark Southern mystery involving murder, privilege, and personal betrayal that  
6 brings her hard-boiled detective and his partner into an investigation exposing deep social fault  
7 lines in Memphis. Ms. Turner’s work is characterized by a distinct regional voice and emotional  
8 depth, blending traditional police procedural elements with Southern Gothic atmosphere, blues  
9 music, local folklore, and the cultural legacy of the Mississippi Delta, and by her fascination with  
10 moral ambiguity and complex characters shaped by personal and regional history; her novel *The*  
11 *Gone Dead Train* in particular interweaves unresolved crimes with echoes of the civil rights  
12 movement and Santeria magic, using the mystery form to probe historical wounds and ongoing  
13 social tensions. Ms. Turner is the author and copyright owner of original literary works that  
14 Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Ms. Turner,  
15 and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Ms. Turner registered her two  
16 (2) works *Devil Sent the Rain* and *The Gone Dead Train* prior to Defendants’ infringement with  
17 the United States Copyright Office, and she seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work,  
18 for a total of up to \$300,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

19 131. Plaintiff **Lemuel (Boo) Walker** is a resident of Maine. Mr. Walker is an American  
20 novelist known for bestselling contemporary fiction that blends heartfelt character arcs, rich  
21 settings, emotional depth, and narrative resonance appealing strongly to book clubs and general  
22 fiction readers, and who also writes thrillers under the pen name Benjamin Blackmore. His  
23 creative journey began in music — he worked as a songwriter and five-string banjoist in  
24 Charleston and Nashville before health problems ended his music career — after which he  
25 worked briefly as a day trader before shifting fully into writing fiction; a move to Washington  
26 State’s Red Mountain wine country, where he bought a farm and lived among grapevines and  
27 barrels, unlocked his voice as a novelist and inspired the setting and tone of his Red Mountain  
28 Chronicles series. Mr. Walker is the author of numerous standalone novels and the multi-book

1 Red Mountain Chronicles series, including *Red Mountain* (2016), *Red Mountain Rising* (2018), *A*  
2 *Marriage Well Done* (2019), *Red Mountain Burning* (2020), *An Unfinished Story* (2020), *The*  
3 *Singing Trees* (2021), *A Spanish Sunrise* (2022), *The Stars Don't Lie* (2023), and *An Echo in*  
4 *Time* (2024), among others — works that have sold millions of copies worldwide and become  
5 favorites among book clubs for their emotional weight, layered characters, and compelling plots  
6 exploring family, love, healing, and personal transformation. He has lived in South Carolina,  
7 Tennessee, Florida, Washington, New York, and Spain, and currently resides in Cape Elizabeth,  
8 Maine, with his family, drawing on his diverse life experiences to bring distinctive place and  
9 atmosphere to his fiction. Mr. Walker is the author and copyright owner of original literary works  
10 that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Mr.  
11 Walker, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Mr. Walker  
12 registered his two (2) works *An Unfinished Story* and *Red Mountain* prior to Defendants'  
13 infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and he seeks statutory damages of up to  
14 \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$300,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

15 132. Plaintiff **Boo Walker** also is the author and copyright owner of original literary  
16 works that, upon information and belief, Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited  
17 without authorization from **Walker**, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the  
18 Copyright Act and which titles did not appear on the *Bartz v. Anthropic* works list. **Walker**  
19 registered his four (4) titles *The Singing Trees*; *A Marriage Well Done*; *Red Mountain Burning*  
20 and *Red Mountain Rising* with the US Copyright Office prior to Defendants' infringement. He  
21 seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$600,000 in statutory  
22 damages for these works. *See* Exhibit A.

23 133. Plaintiff **Patrice Washington** is a resident of Georgia. Ms. Washington is an  
24 American author, financial educator, speaker, and media personality best known for redefining  
25 personal finance through a values-based, holistic framework she calls "Redefining Wealth,"  
26 whose career centers on the intersection of money, mindset, purpose, and well-being rather than  
27 traditional wealth metrics alone. She began her professional path in real estate and mortgage  
28 lending, gaining firsthand experience in financial systems, credit, and wealth-building tools,

1 before facing significant financial setbacks during the mid-2000s housing crisis that became a  
2 pivotal turning point reshaping her professional philosophy toward behavioral finance, emotional  
3 wellness, and intentional living. Ms. Washington is the author of *Real Money Answers for Every*  
4 *Woman* and *Redefine Wealth for Yourself: How to Stop Chasing Money and Finally Live Your*  
5 *Life's Purpose*, works that integrate financial literacy with personal development, emphasizing  
6 clarity, self-worth, and alignment over accumulation, and that consistently center on helping  
7 individuals — particularly women and entrepreneurs — build financial confidence without  
8 sacrificing mental, emotional, or spiritual health. She is the creator and host of the Redefining  
9 Wealth podcast, which has garnered millions of downloads and positioned her as a leading voice  
10 in modern financial education, and has appeared across television, radio, digital media, and live  
11 stages contributing expert commentary on financial wellness, entrepreneurship, and mindset; she  
12 also develops courses, workshops, and coaching programs used in corporate, faith-based, and  
13 entrepreneurial settings. Ms. Washington is the author and copyright owner of an original literary  
14 work that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Ms.  
15 Washington, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Ms. Washington  
16 registered her one (1) work *Real Money Answers for Every Woman* prior to Defendants'  
17 infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and she seeks statutory damages of up to  
18 \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$150,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

19 134. Plaintiff **Ben Westhoff** is a resident of Missouri. Mr. Westhoff is an American  
20 investigative journalist, author, and cultural critic whose work focuses on the intersections of drug  
21 policy, public health, music culture, and poverty, and who began his career as a music journalist  
22 writing about underground and independent music scenes for publications including *The*  
23 *Guardian*, *The Village Voice*, *Rolling Stone*, and *Pitchfork*, where he developed a reputation for  
24 immersive reporting and cultural analysis. As his career evolved, he transitioned into long-form  
25 investigative journalism concentrating on drug markets, policy failures, and the human  
26 consequences of prohibition-based approaches to substance use, while maintaining his  
27 engagement with music culture through works including *Dirty South: OutKast, Lil Wayne, Soulja*  
28 *Boy, and the Southern Rappers Who Reinvented Hip-Hop* and *Original Gangstas*. Mr. Westhoff

1 is best known for *Fentanyl, Inc.: How Rogue Chemists Are Creating the Deadliest Wave of the*  
2 *Opioid Epidemic* (2019), a rigorously reported investigation into the global supply chains behind  
3 synthetic opioids that combines on-the-ground reporting, interviews with chemists, law  
4 enforcement, drug users, and policymakers, and analysis of regulatory loopholes and enforcement  
5 failures, and which has been praised for making a complex, opaque system understandable to  
6 both policymakers and the general public, reframing the opioid crisis as a systemic, policy-driven  
7 problem rather than a moral failure. His work has been cited by policymakers, educators,  
8 journalists, and public health advocates, and he is a frequent speaker at universities, conferences,  
9 and public forums on drug reform, overdose prevention, and evidence-based policy. Mr. Westhoff  
10 is the author and copyright owner of original literary works that Defendants copied, uploaded,  
11 distributed, and exploited without authorization from Mr. Westhoff, and for which Anthropic  
12 caused damages under the Copyright Act. Mr. Westhoff registered his three (3) works *Dirty*  
13 *South: OutKast, Lil Wayne, Soulja Boy, and the Southern Rappers Who Reinvented Hip-Hop*;  
14 *Fentanyl, Inc.: How Rogue Chemists Are Creating the Deadliest Wave of the Opioid Epidemic*;  
15 and *Original Gangstas* prior to Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright  
16 Office, and he seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$450,000  
17 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

18 135. Plaintiff **Florence Williams** is a resident of Colorado. Ms. Williams is an  
19 American journalist, nonfiction author, and podcaster whose work focuses on the environment,  
20 health, science, human well-being, and the natural world, and who is a graduate of Yale  
21 University and holds an MFA in creative writing from the University of Montana. She has  
22 contributed to major national publications including *The New York Times*, *National Geographic*,  
23 *The New York Review of Books*, *Slate*, *Mother Jones*, and *Outside Magazine*, where she serves as  
24 a contributing editor, and holds positions as a fellow at the Center for Humans and Nature and  
25 visiting scholar at George Washington University. Ms. Williams is the author of *Breasts: A*  
26 *Natural and Unnatural History* (2012), which explores the science, culture, health, and  
27 mythologies around the human breast and won the Los Angeles Times Book Prize in science and  
28 technology, a 2013 Audie Award, and was named a *New York Times* notable book; *The Nature*

1 *Fix: Why Nature Makes Us Happier, Healthier, and More Creative* (2017), an Audible bestseller  
2 synthesizing global scientific research on the effects of nature on mood, cognition, health, and  
3 creativity; and *Heartbreak: A Personal and Scientific Journey* (2022), which combines memoir  
4 and science to explore loss, emotional pain, and healing, and won the 2023 PEN/E.O. Wilson  
5 Literary Science Writing Award. She has also written and hosted multiple Audible Original audio  
6 series, earning Gracie Awards for *Breasts Unbound* and *The Three-Day Effect*, and her work has  
7 been anthologized in *Best American Science and Nature Writing*, reflecting her sustained  
8 contributions to science communication and environmental advocacy across print, audio, and  
9 public speaking platforms. Ms. Williams is the author and copyright owner of original literary  
10 works that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from  
11 Ms. Williams, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Ms. Williams  
12 registered her two (2) works *Breasts: A Natural and Unnatural History* and *The Nature Fix* prior  
13 to Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and she seeks statutory  
14 damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$300,000 in statutory damages. *See*  
15 Exhibit A.

16 136. Plaintiff **David Young** is a resident of the United Kingdom. Mr. Young is an  
17 English novelist best known for his historical crime fiction set in Cold War–era East Germany,  
18 and whose award-winning Karin Müller series has garnered critical acclaim and international  
19 readership. Born in Cottingham, East Riding of Yorkshire, he initially pursued a science degree at  
20 Bristol University before switching to Humanities with a focus on Modern History at Bristol  
21 Polytechnic, and subsequently spent over twenty-five years as a journalist and news producer and  
22 editor with BBC World Service radio and television, gaining rich experience in narrative craft and  
23 historical context before turning to fiction. Mr. Young wrote his debut novel *Stasi Child* while  
24 completing a Creative Writing MA at City University London, where the manuscript won the  
25 course prize and was published to immediate acclaim, winning the 2016 Crime Writers'  
26 Association Endeavour Historical Dagger — one of the genre's most prestigious honors. His  
27 Karin Müller series — set in 1970s East Germany and portraying the oppressive surveillance of  
28 the Stasi and the moral complexities faced by individuals under authoritarian rule — includes

1 *Stasi Child* (2016), *Stasi Wolf* (2017), *A Darker State* (2018), *Stasi '77* (2019), *Stasi Winter*  
2 (2020), and *The Stasi Game* (2020), all published by Bonnier Zaffre and sold in eleven territories  
3 worldwide, with the series optioned for screen adaptation; he further demonstrated his range with  
4 the standalone historical crime novel *Death in Blitz City* (2022), set in World War II-era Hull,  
5 England. Mr. Young is the author and copyright owner of an original literary work that  
6 Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization from Mr. Young,  
7 and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Mr. Young registered his one  
8 (1) work *Stasi Child* prior to Defendants' infringement with the United States Copyright Office,  
9 and he seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$150,000 in  
10 statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

11 137. Plaintiff **Rebecca Zanetti** is a resident of Idaho. Ms. Zanetti is a *New York Times*,  
12 *USA Today*, *Wall Street Journal*, and #1 Amazon bestselling author known for her prolific and  
13 influential work in romantic suspense, paranormal romance, and contemporary romance, and who  
14 before becoming a full-time novelist worked as a lawyer — an experience that has informed the  
15 procedural realism and ethical tensions present in much of her romantic suspense writing. She has  
16 published 96 novels and novellas across several highly successful long-running interconnected  
17 series, including the Dark Protectors series, a paranormal romance series featuring vampires,  
18 witches, and genetically enhanced humans notable for its complex mythology and serialized  
19 storytelling; the Sin Brothers and Blood Brothers series, blending romantic suspense and science  
20 fiction around genetically altered soldiers; the Deep Ops series, a contemporary romantic  
21 suspense series centered on elite law-enforcement and military operatives; and the Anna Albertini  
22 Files and serialized novellas in Kindle Vella, reaching #1 for several months demonstrating  
23 versatility beyond her series-driven work. Her books are published by major imprints including  
24 Kensington Publishing, Entangled Publishing, Hachette Book Group, and she formed her own  
25 publishing company called RAZ INK, LLC, which is taxed as an S Corporation. Her books have  
26 consistently performed strongly in print, digital, audio, and foreign markets with interconnected  
27 story worlds that reward loyal readers and have helped define expectations for continuity and  
28 character evolution in genre fiction. Ms. Zanetti is the author and copyright owner of original

1 literary works that Defendants copied, uploaded, distributed, and exploited without authorization  
2 from Ms. Zanetti, and for which Anthropic caused damages under the Copyright Act. Ms. Zanetti  
3 registered her nineteen (19) works *Forgotten Sins*; *Sweet Revenge*; *Blind Faith*; *Total Surrender*;  
4 *Deadly Silence*; *Lethal Lies*; *Twisted Truths*; *Mercury Striking*; *Shadow Falling*; *Justice*  
5 *Ascending*; *Storm Gathering*; *Winter Igniting*; *Knight Awakening*; *Wicked Ride*; *Wicked Edge*;  
6 *Wicked Burn*; *Wicked Kiss*; *Wicked Bite*; and *Disorderly Conduct* prior to Defendants'  
7 infringement with the United States Copyright Office, and she seeks statutory damages of up to  
8 \$150,000 per work, for a total of up to \$2,850,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

9 138. Plaintiff **Kirk Zurosky** is a resident of North Carolina. Mr. Zurosky is an  
10 American fiction author and practicing attorney known for his work in paranormal and  
11 speculative fiction, particularly the *Immortal Divorce Court* series, and who has maintained a  
12 career as a plaintiff's personal injury and workers' compensation attorney in North Carolina and  
13 South Carolina for 30 years. Writing has been a lifelong passion for Mr. Zurosky, with a  
14 particular interest in blending fantasy elements, humor, and adult themes, and his legal  
15 background — dealing with high-stakes real-world conflict — informs his ability to craft  
16 compelling interpersonal and fantastical drama. His best-known work, *Immortal Divorce Court*  
17 *Volume 1: My Ex-Wife Said Go to Hell* (2020), introduces a world where mythological beings  
18 including vampires, werewolves, and merfolk navigate ordinary and absurd personal problems  
19 such as relationships, court battles, and family dynamics through a fantastical and often humorous  
20 lens, featuring an immortal vampire assassin named Sirius Sinister entangled in a supernatural  
21 divorce court; the series continued with additional volumes including *Immortal Divorce Court*,  
22 *Volume 3*. Mr. Zurosky's fiction reflects a creative blending of paranormal elements with humor,  
23 romance, and speculative scenarios that humanizes supernatural characters with real-world  
24 emotional stakes and expands what paranormal novels can explore beyond traditional genre  
25 tropes, appealing to fans of offbeat fantasy and supernatural storytelling. Mr. Zurosky is the  
26 author and copyright owner of an original literary work that Defendants copied, uploaded,  
27 distributed, and exploited without authorization from Mr. Zurosky, and for which Anthropic  
28 caused damages under the Copyright Act. Mr. Zurosky registered his one (1) work *Immortal*

1 *Divorce Court Volume 3 – Who Doesn’t Love a Wedding?* prior to Defendants’ infringement with  
2 the United States Copyright Office, and he seeks statutory damages of up to \$150,000 per work,  
3 for a total of up to \$150,000 in statutory damages. *See* Exhibit A.

4 **B. Defendants**

5 139. Defendant Anthropic PBC is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of  
6 business at 548 Market Street, PMB 90375, San Francisco, California 94104. Anthropic is located  
7 within this judicial District.

8 140. Upon information and belief, Defendant Dario Amodei is an individual residing in  
9 San Anselmo, California. He is a co-founder and the Chief Executive Officer of Anthropic.

10 141. Upon information and belief, Defendant Benjamin Mann is an individual residing  
11 in or around San Francisco, California. He is a founder and member of the technical staff of  
12 Anthropic.

13 **III. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

14 142. This is a civil action seeking damages and injunctive relief for copyright  
15 infringement under the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq.*

16 143. This Court has original subject matter jurisdiction over all claims pursuant to  
17 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

18 144. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant Anthropic. Anthropic  
19 maintains its principal place of business in California and in this District. Anthropic purposefully  
20 directed the conduct alleged herein from California and in this District and committed substantial  
21 acts giving rise to this action in California. Anthropic also contributed to thousands of instances  
22 of copyright infringement in California causing injury to Plaintiffs.

23 145. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Amodei and Mann because, on  
24 information and belief, each resides in California, exercised control over the challenged conduct,  
25 and personally participated in, directed, authorized, ratified, or knowingly benefited from the  
26 infringing acts alleged herein.

1 146. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b), (c) and 1400(a)  
2 because Defendants reside in California and in this District, and a substantial part of the events  
3 and transactions giving rise to the claims alleged herein occurred in this District.

#### 4 IV. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

##### 5 A. Anthropic’s Acquisition of the “Books3” and “Bibliotik” Pirate Libraries

6 147. Upon information and belief, Anthropic was co-founded in 2021 by Dario  
7 Amodei, Benjamin Mann, and a group of other individuals who had once worked at OpenAI.

8 148. Since its founding, Anthropic has rapidly grown into a company that is today  
9 valued at \$900 billion or more.

10 149. Despite its near trillion-dollar valuation, Anthropic has until recently (as part of a  
11 litigation settlement in *Bartz v. Anthropic*) refused to pay for the vast amounts of copyrighted  
12 content — including Plaintiffs’ literary works — which it pirated without permission, credit, or  
13 compensation to build its business. Anthropic’s refusal to compensate the owners of the content it  
14 downloaded is unlike its approach to other necessary business costs such as power, hardware,  
15 data centers, software and labor, for which Anthropic pays substantial sums.

16 150. Anthropic’s signature product is a series of commercial general-purpose large  
17 language models (or “LLMs”) referred to as “Claude.” Anthropic “trains” these AI models by  
18 feeding them massive collections of text—including countless copyrighted works—totaling  
19 billions of words. As a result of this training, Anthropic’s AI models provide text-based responses  
20 to user queries in a manner intended to be human-like.

21 151. From its inception, Anthropic collected and stockpiled this enormous amount of  
22 material in a vast central library that it maintains, intended to maintain and exploited for a range  
23 of different purposes which was and is not limited to AI training.

24 152. Anthropic compiled this central library by copying and ingesting text from the  
25 internet and other sources via a range of different means, including by employing BitTorrent to  
26 download and copy copyrighted works from illegal pirate library websites.

27 153. The text that Anthropic copies to fuel its AI models and to maintain in its central  
28 library for other purposes includes the copyrighted works that Plaintiffs own or control the

1 copyrights, among vast amounts of other copyrighted works harvested from illegal pirate  
2 libraries, other internet sources, and elsewhere.

3 154. Defendants have never sought or secured Plaintiffs’ permission to use their  
4 valuable copyrighted works in this way.

5 155. In 2021, Anthropic faced a dilemma: it was behind in the race to develop artificial  
6 intelligence models against well-funded rivals like OpenAI and Google. Facing pressure to catch  
7 up with larger rivals, Anthropic lacked the proprietary data and budget of its competitors.

8 156. Rather than legally acquire the necessary data—which would have cost  
9 tremendous capital and likely would have required years to acquire each book—Defendants chose  
10 to cut corners and steal each book.

11 157. Anthropic claims that Claude outperforms other competing LLMs such as  
12 OpenAI’s ChatGPT and Google’s Gemini, and that Claude can be used to “draft everything from  
13 a text message or email to a screenplay or a novel.”<sup>5</sup>

14 158. Anthropic’s Claude has been wildly successful in a short period of less than four  
15 years with both the general public and large businesses. Anthropic currently offers free access to  
16 Claude, with increased usage caps and access to models like Claude Pro with additional  
17 subscription fees.<sup>6</sup>

18 159. Anthropic has been secretive about the sources it copied but has admitted to using  
19 a dataset called The Pile.

20 160. The Pile is an open-source dataset of at least 800 GB created for large language  
21 model training.

22 161. The Pile was hosted and made publicly available online by a nonprofit called  
23 EleutherAI.

24 162. “The Pile is constructed from 22 diverse high-quality subsets . . . many of which  
25 derive from academic and professional sources. . . . [M]odels trained on the Pile improve

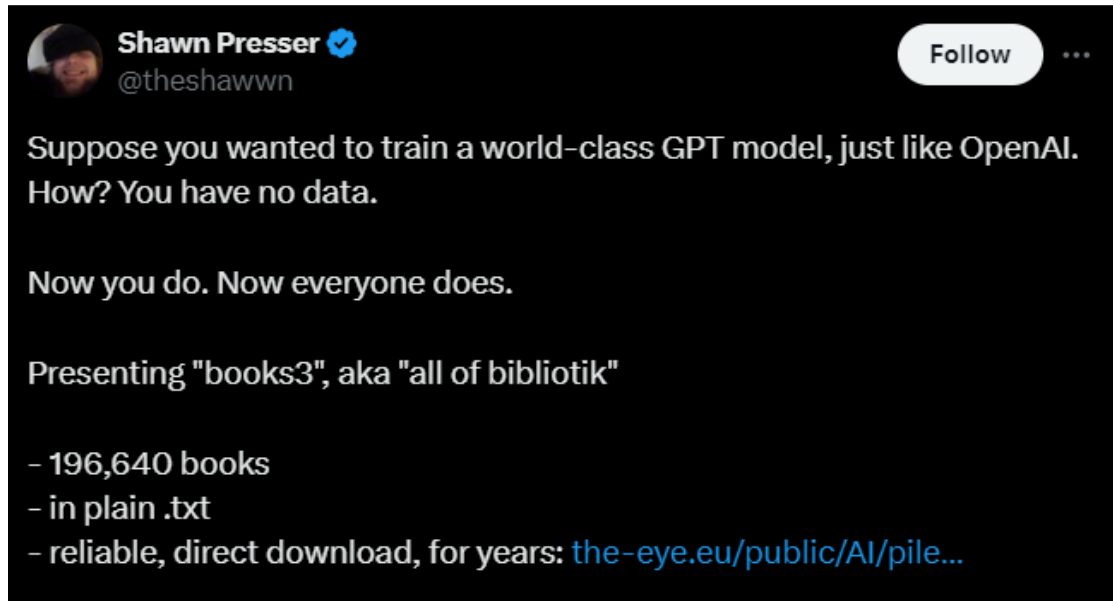
26 <sup>5</sup> See “What are some things I can use Claude for?,” *Anthropic*,  
27 <https://support.claude.com/en/articles/7996845-what-are-some-things-i-can-use-claude-for> (active  
28 link in August 2024, but text has since changed). By the time this gets to trial, it’s unknown all  
the applications and ways the model can be used.

<sup>6</sup> See <https://claude.com/pricing> (last visited on June 9, 2026).

1 significantly over both Raw CC and CC-100 on all components of the Pile, while improving  
2 performance on downstream evaluations.”<sup>7</sup>

3 163. Shawn Presser is one of The Pile’s architects. Presser created a dataset included in  
4 The Pile called “Books3,” which is a massive collection of pirated books.

5 164. Presser described how he created Books3 on Twitter in October 2020:



16 165. Presser claimed, via Twitter, that he created Books3 in response to “OpenAI’s  
17 papers on GPT-2 and 3,” which “refer[] to datasets named ‘books1’ and ‘books2,’” the latter of  
18 which Presser suspects “might be ‘all of libgen.’”

19 166. LibGen refers to “Library Genesis,” a website offering pirated books that was  
20 ordered to be shut down for copyright infringement in 2015. *See Elsevier, Inc. et al v. www.Sci-*  
21 *hub.org et al*, 15-cv-2482-RWS, Dkt. 53 (Oct. 30, 2015). Presser also claimed when he posted on  
22 Twitter that to create a pirated-book dataset comparable to what he suspected OpenAI created for  
23 itself, that Books3 was also a direct download of all books from a different pirated website—a  
24 compilation of “196,640 books,” which comprises “all of bibliotik.”

25 167. Bibliotik is a “notorious pirated collection” of “pirated books”.<sup>8</sup>

26 <sup>7</sup> “The Pile: An 800GB Dataset of Diverse Text for Language Modeling,” Gao et al, Abstract,  
27 <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2101.00027>.

28 <sup>8</sup> See Schoppert, “Whether you’re an undergraduate doing research, or a fan of the Nick Stone novels, or indeed a hungry AI...,” Nov. 29, 2022,

1 168. Books3 was a key component part of The Pile. In EleutherAI’s paper on The Pile,  
 2 it touted the key value of Books3 as follows: “Books3 is a dataset of books derived from a copy  
 3 of the contents of the Bibliotik private tracker . . . Bibliotik consists of a mix of fiction and  
 4 nonfiction books and is almost an order of magnitude larger than our next largest book dataset  
 5 (BookCorpus2).”

6 169. The paper then summarized its key point for why The Pile included this known  
 7 illegal source of copyrighted material: “We included Bibliotik because books are invaluable for  
 8 long-range context modeling research and coherent storytelling.”<sup>9</sup>

9 170. The Pile’s datasheet states that “Books3 is almost entirely comprised of  
 10 copyrighted works . . . .”<sup>10</sup>

11 171. Presser admitted to releasing Books3 despite a “fear of copyright backlash.”<sup>11</sup>

12 172. As background, while Anthropic concealed the contents of its training datasets,  
 13 what is known about the training data indicates that Anthropic’s Claude models were trained on a  
 14 mass of copyrighted books and other copyrighted material.

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 17 <https://aicopyright.substack.com/p/whetheryoure-an-undergraduate-doing> (“What is Bibliotik? A  
 18 notorious pirated collection.”); “What I Found in a Database Meta Uses to Train Generative AI,”  
 19 Alex Reisner, *The Atlantic*, Sept. 25, 2023,  
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 22 20 years.”); “Revealed: The Authors Whose Pirated Books are Powering Generative AI,” Alex  
 23 Reisner, *The Atlantic*, Aug. 19, 2023,  
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 25 675063/](https://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2023/08/books3-ai-meta-llama-piratedbooks/675063/) (“collections of pirated books, such as Library Genesis, Z-Library, and Bibliotik, that  
 26 circulate via the BitTorrent file-sharing network.”); “Are ChatGPT, Bard and Dolly 2.0 Trained  
 27 On Pirated Content?,” Roger Monti, *Search Engine Journal*, April 20, 2023,  
 28 [https://www.searchenginejournal.com/are-chatgpt-bard-and-dolly-2-0-trained-on-  
 29 piratedcontent/485089/](https://www.searchenginejournal.com/are-chatgpt-bard-and-dolly-2-0-trained-on-piratedcontent/485089/) (“The Books3 dataset contains the text of books that were pirated and  
 30 hosted at a pirate site called, bibliotik.”).

<sup>9</sup> “The Pile: An 800GB Dataset of Diverse Text for Language Modeling,” Gao et al, p. 3-4,  
<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2101.00027>

<sup>10</sup> “Datasheet for the Pile,” Gao et al, Jan. 20, 2022, p. 15, <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2201.07311> (last  
 visited June 1, 2026).

<sup>11</sup> Comment of “sillysaurusx,” Hacker News, Jul. 11, 2023,  
<https://news.ycombinator.com/item?id=36685115> (last visited June 9, 2026)

1 173. Anthropic downloaded and reproduced copies of The Pile and Books3, knowing  
2 that these datasets contained a trove of copyrighted works sourced from pirate websites like  
3 Bibliotik.

4 174. In or around January or February 2021, Defendant Mann personally directed or  
5 downloaded a dataset known as “Books3.”

6 175. This operation was a personal act of reproduction on a machine under Mann’s  
7 control, independent of his purely corporate capacity.

8 176. Defendants knew “Books3” was assembled from unauthorized, pirated copies of  
9 copyrighted works, including Plaintiffs’ works.

10 177. Despite this knowledge, Defendants downloaded and copied the dataset and  
11 incorporated it into Anthropic’s internal systems.

12 178. From the start, Anthropic “ha[d] many places from which” it could have purchased  
13 books, but it preferred to steal them to avoid “legal/practice/business slog,” as cofounder and  
14 chief executive officer Dario Amodei testified in his deposition taken in *Bartz v. Anthropic*  
15 *PBC*.<sup>12</sup>

16 **B. Further Acts of Piracy: Library Genesis and PiLiMi**

17 179. Anthropic did not stop at “Books3.” Anthropic’s next pirated acquisitions involved  
18 downloading distributed, reshared copies of other pirate libraries.

19 180. To obtain the contents of these pirate libraries, Mann, with Amodei’s knowledge,  
20 approval, and participation, used BitTorrent, a peer-to-peer (“P2P”) files-sharing protocol  
21 historically used for widespread unauthorized reproduction and distribution of copyrighted  
22 materials.

23 181. P2P file-sharing has evolved since the days of Napster, allowing users to distribute  
24 infringing files directly and evade detection.

25 182. Rather than uploading and downloading files through a central repository, P2P  
26 protocols like BitTorrent break files into pieces and distribute the pieces between and amongst  
27 multiple users (i.e., “peers”) simultaneously and instantaneously.

28 <sup>12</sup> *Bartz*, 787 F. Supp. 3d at 1015.

1 183. Once a user downloads a piece of a file, the user immediately becomes a  
2 distributor of the file to others, creating a “swarm” where everyone downloading the file also acts  
3 as a distributor of the file to other users.

4 184. Files on BitTorrent are shared simultaneously with thousands of other users; unlike  
5 old-fashioned cassette-copying or even Napster-era P2P systems, copying is no longer one-to-one  
6 but thousands-to-thousands.

7 185. Thus, as users join the BitTorrent network, instead of slowing down file-transfer  
8 speed, downloads get faster and are more widespread.

9 186. In addition, once an infringing file is distributed on BitTorrent, there is no  
10 containing it, as the viral nature of online infringement enables massive rapid proliferation across  
11 a limitless universe of users. Indeed, a single file can be distributed thousands of times in mere  
12 hours.

13 187. In June 2021, Defendants downloaded at least five million copies of books from  
14 “Library Genesis” (or “LibGen”), a site universally known for hosting pirated content.

15 188. LibGen is one of the world’s biggest and most notorious online infringement  
16 operations.

17 189. Controlled by anonymous overseas pirates, reportedly from Russia, LibGen  
18 maintains an enormous collection of stolen books and other written works.

19 190. At least two U.S. federal courts have found LibGen liable for willful copyright  
20 infringement and issued broad permanent injunctions against the website.

21 191. LibGen has been listed on the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative’s Review of  
22 Notorious Markets for Counterfeiting and Piracy since at least 2016.

23 192. LibGen’s illegal conduct is widely known and has been broadly publicized online.

24 193. In June 2021, Defendant Mann downloaded at least five million copies of books  
25 from LibGen, which he knew had been pirated.

26 194. While employed at OpenAI, Defendants Amodei and Mann sought out these pirate  
27 libraries as sources of material to train LLMs.  
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1 195. Mann was personally involved in downloading a portion of LibGen to be used in  
2 AI training at OpenAI, and he discussed downloading datasets from LibGen and exploiting those  
3 datasets for AI training during that time with both Amodei and another future Anthropic founder,  
4 Tom Brown.

5 196. Before downloading five million pirated copies of copyrighted books from  
6 LibGen, Mann discussed with Amodei, Anthropic founder and Chief Science Officer Jared  
7 Kaplan, and other Anthropic senior leadership whether to download these works via torrenting  
8 from LibGen.

9 197. Anthropic’s own Archive Team had deemed LibGen to constitute a “blatant  
10 violation of copyright,” and Amodei himself had described the site as “sketchy.”

11 198. Amodei and others at Anthropic approved the torrenting, and, at their direction,  
12 Mann personally engaged in the torrenting of these millions of books.

13 199. Amodei, Mann, and their Anthropic colleagues understood at this time that LibGen  
14 was an illegal pirate library and that the files that Mann torrented were pirated copies of  
15 copyrighted works.

16 200. Mann personally performed the LibGen BitTorrent download in June 2021.

17 201. This operation was a personal act of reproduction on a machine under Mann’s  
18 control, independent of his purely corporate capacity, but intended for the benefit of Anthropic  
19 and Mann individually.

20 202. When one of Anthropic’s founders discovered that he could torrent additional  
21 copyrighted works from “Pirate Library Mirror” (or “PiLiMi”), another known repository of  
22 pirated works (which mirrored the contents of the shuttered Z-Library), he messaged his  
23 Anthropic colleagues, “[J]ust in time!”

24 203. Another Anthropic employee responded, “zlibrary my beloved.”

25 204. In July 2022, Anthropic downloaded via torrenting at least two million copies of  
26 books from PiLiMi.

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1           205. As in 2021, Amodei, Mann, and other members of senior leadership at Anthropic  
2 discussed whether to torrent these files from PiLiMi and ultimately authorized the illegal  
3 torrenting of these copyrighted works.

4           206. As with their decision to torrent copyrighted books from LibGen a year earlier,  
5 Amodei, Mann, and their colleagues at Anthropic understood that the files Anthropic was  
6 torrenting from PiLiMi were pirated.

7           207. Amodei and Mann were the primary participants and driving forces behind the  
8 illegal downloading of millions of copyrighted works from LibGen and PiLiMi by Defendants,  
9 including Plaintiffs' works at issue here. Amodei directed, authorized, and ratified Mann's illegal  
10 torrenting from LibGen in 2021, and both Amodei and Mann personally authorized, directed, and  
11 controlled Anthropic's torrenting activity from PiLiMi in 2022.

12           208. In total, Anthropic pirated over seven million copies of books from LibGen and  
13 PiLiMi in 2021 and 2022, respectively, along with a separate catalog of bibliographic metadata  
14 for each collection with fields like title, author, and ISBN.

15           209. Those catalogs of bibliographic metadata reveal that among the millions of books  
16 that Defendants illegally downloaded from LibGen and PiLiMi were hundreds of copyrighted  
17 works owned and/or controlled by Plaintiffs that are the subject of this action, including but not  
18 limited to the works identified in Exhibit A hereto.

19           210. When Defendants downloaded copies of these pirated books via torrenting, they  
20 violated Plaintiffs' exclusive right of reproduction in these works. Even worse, because of the  
21 two-way nature of the BitTorrent protocol, when Defendants downloaded copies of these pirated  
22 books via torrenting, they simultaneously uploaded unauthorized copies of the same books to the  
23 public writ large, thereby infringing Plaintiffs' exclusive right of distribution in these works and  
24 contributing to further infringement of Plaintiffs' works as well.

### 25           **C. The Creation of the "Central Library" and "Forever" Retention**

26           211. Anthropic used these downloads to populate a "central library" or "generalized  
27 data area" on its servers. The purpose of this library was to serve as a "permanent, general-  
28 purpose resource." Anthropic's internal policy was to "store everything forever."

1           212. Anthropic explicitly determined that “[t]here [wa]s no compelling reason to delete  
2 a book” even if it was not used for training AI models.

3           213. Defendants maintained and stored copies of these files in the same format as they  
4 had originally torrented them. Anthropic exploited the mass collection of works in this central  
5 library for numerous uses, including to develop its commercial products.

6           214. Anthropic never paid a cent for the copyrighted works it downloaded to build this  
7 sprawling database.

8           215. Consequently, Anthropic retained pirated copies of works — including each of  
9 Plaintiffs’ respective works —to have them available for potential future uses, research, or  
10 general reference.

11           216. Anthropic built its own massive library without paying for the copyrighted works  
12 it stole, behaving as if it were above the law.

13           217. This retention of pirated copies served a distinct purpose from AI training and is  
14 separately actionable as a violation of the Copyright Act because the works were also copied,  
15 distributed and/or retained without Plaintiffs’ authorization.

16           218. Anthropic employees noted that the library allowed Anthropic’s engineers to make  
17 other uses of the materials such as: browse books, search metadata, and assess content for various  
18 internal purposes unrelated to the immediate training of an LLM and for the benefit of building  
19 Anthropic.

20           219. Anthropic’s acquisition of these files displaced the need to purchase legitimate  
21 copies. Anthropic could have purchased each of Plaintiffs’ respective books — and indeed, later  
22 spent millions to purchase used print books for scanning — but initially chose to steal Plaintiffs’  
23 works to save money and time.

24           220. The use of the copies for a central library cannot be excused as fair use (which it is  
25 not in any event) merely because some books may have eventually been used to train LLMs. As  
26 Judge Alsup made clear in *Bartz*: “Piracy of otherwise available copies is inherently,  
27 irredeemably infringing even if the pirated copies are immediately used for the [alleged]  
28 transformative use and immediately discarded.”

1 221. However, Anthropic did not use these copies only for training its LLMs but  
2 instead retained pirated copies even after deciding it would not use them for training its LLMs  
3 ever again. “They were acquired and retained, as a central library of all the books in the world.”

4 222. Pirating copies of copyrighted books to build a research library without paying for  
5 them, and to retain copies of the pirated works should they prove useful for one thing or another,  
6 was its own use — and not a transformative use of the books Anthropic had later purchased, as  
7 ruled by Judge Alsup in *Bartz*.

8 223. The initial copies were pirated to create a central, general-purpose library, as a  
9 substitute for paid copies to do the same thing. The copies used to build a central library that were  
10 obtained from pirated sources plainly displaced demand for Plaintiffs’ respective books — copy  
11 for copy. That copying is an undisputed act of infringement with no plausible defense of any  
12 kind.

13 224. The pirated copies in Anthropic’s central library also lacked any internal controls  
14 limiting access and use, distinguishing them from the secure environments often required in fair  
15 use precedents.

16 225. Every factor weighs against a finding of fair use for the retention of pirated works  
17 in a centralized library for any purpose Anthropic deems fit in the future.

18 226. Anthropic employees admitted said copies of works (pirated ones, too) would be  
19 retained “forever” for “general purpose” even after Anthropic determined they would never be  
20 used for training LLMs.

#### 21 **D. Infringement of Plaintiffs’ Works**

22 227. As noted above, Plaintiffs are the authors of works, books protected by United  
23 States Copyright. *See* Exhibit A.

24 228. Each of Plaintiffs’ respective works was included in the Books3 / LibGen / PiLiMi  
25 datasets downloaded by Anthropic in 2021 and 2022.

26 229. Each of the Plaintiffs named herein opted out of the class action settlement in  
27 *Bartz v. Anthropic PBC*, which was preliminarily approved in September 2025, and is subject to  
28 final approval by the Court, which held a final fairness hearing on May 14, 2026. At the hearing,

1 the Court ordered Class Counsel to respond in detail to objections to the settlement filed by  
2 various class members, by May 21, 2026, and the Court took the matter under submission  
3 thereafter. Two of these Class members include Plaintiff Laura Esquivel and Plaintiff Jordi  
4 Castells who have sought court approval for opting out after the deadline.

5 230. Plaintiffs did not discover, and could not have reasonably discovered, that their  
6 specific works were included in Anthropic’s private, internal database until November 24, 2025,  
7 when the direct notice to class members was completed and/or their claims were tolled pending  
8 the approval of the settlement of *Bartz*, or February 9, 2026, the deadline for opting out of the  
9 class action.

10 231. Defendants reproduced each of Plaintiffs’ respective works when they downloaded  
11 and/or authorized the downloading of the pirated datasets from Books3, LibGen, and PiLiMi  
12 containing the works. Defendants did so without Plaintiffs’ authorization.

13 232. Defendants distributed each of Plaintiffs’ works to the public at the time they  
14 downloaded the pirated works from LibGen and PiLiMi in 2021 and 2022 via the BitTorrent  
15 protocol. Defendants did so without Plaintiffs’ authorization.

16 233. Defendants further reproduced each of Plaintiffs’ respective works from the  
17 pirated datasets by saving a copy to its “central library” or “generalized data area.”

18 234. Anthropic retained this pirated copy of each of Plaintiffs’ respective work(s)  
19 pursuant to its “store everything forever” policy, regardless of whether the work was ultimately  
20 selected for inclusion in an AI training “data mix”.

21 235. Anthropic’s infringement was willful. Anthropic knew the sources from which it  
22 downloaded Plaintiffs’ works were pirate repositories, knew that no license existed, and  
23 nevertheless copied and retained each of Plaintiffs’ respective works for its own commercial  
24 benefit.

25 **E. The Continued & Serious Harm to Plaintiffs caused by Defendants’ Infringement**

26 236. Anthropic’s unlawful conduct has caused and continues to cause substantial and  
27 irreparable harm to Plaintiffs.

28 237. Plaintiffs’ works are creative intellectual property at the core of copyright

1 protection under the Copyright Act. In turn, Anthropic is a for-profit commercial operation that  
2 has engaged in extensive reproduction and distribution of Plaintiffs' works through its use of  
3 BitTorrent to acquire a library of copyrighted works from notorious pirate library websites.  
4 Distribution through BitTorrent is particularly malicious, because each work can be distributed  
5 hundreds or thousands of times through the swarm. Anthropic's widescale use of BitTorrent  
6 contributes to the continued viability and normalization of that infringing protocol, and  
7 Anthropic's acquisition of copies of Plaintiffs' works from notorious pirate library websites  
8 contributes to the continued viability and normalization of those pirate sites as sources of content,  
9 causing further damages to Plaintiffs.

10 238. Anthropic's extensive use of Plaintiffs' works devalues the creative efforts of  
11 Plaintiffs and deprives them of compensation and credit. Anthropic's actions also deny Plaintiffs  
12 control over how their creative works are reproduced, modified, and adapted into other works,  
13 uses which require their authorization under the Copyright Act. The sheer breadth and scope of  
14 Anthropic's copying makes it essentially impossible to measure, calculate, or even estimate the  
15 financial damage it imposes on Plaintiffs and other authors of copyrighted works.

16 239. Anthropic has failed to seek or obtain the licenses or other agreements necessary  
17 for it to lawfully use Plaintiffs' works. Anthropic's unlawful conduct enriches Anthropic at  
18 Plaintiffs' expense and to the detriment of the creation of literary works. Anthropic's  
19 infringement undermines the incentive for authors to create new literary works and for their  
20 publishers to invest in, support, and exploit those creative efforts, which in turn hinders authors'  
21 ability to earn a living based on their craft.

22 240. Anthropic's unauthorized use of Plaintiffs' copyrighted works also undercuts the  
23 existing and potential markets for licensing their works. Many authors have established an active  
24 and growing AI training licensing market, including licensing deals through the Copyright  
25 Clearance Center, direct publisher agreements, and opt-in programs – specifically because retail  
26 book purchases, whether digital or physical, do not include AI training rights. The growth of this  
27 AI training licensing market was harmed by Defendants' decision to use pirated copies rather  
28 than pay for licenses.



- 1 a. Whether Defendants’ conduct as alleged constitutes an infringement of the
- 2 copyrights held by Plaintiffs in their respective works for violations of their exclusive
- 3 rights of reproduction, to prepare derivative works, and distribution from the same series
- 4 of transactions and occurrences.
- 5 b. Whether Defendants acted willfully with respect to the copyright infringements
- 6 alleged herein.
- 7 c. Whether Plaintiffs have sustained statutory damages and, if so, what is the proper
- 8 measure of relief.
- 9 d. Whether injunctive relief is available under 17 U.S.C. § 502 to stop Defendants
- 10 from continuing any exploitation of the works at issue that all were copied and are hosted
- 11 in Anthropic’s central library and other uses by Defendants.

12 **VI. CAUSES OF ACTION**

13 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

14 **Direct Copyright Infringement**

15 **(Against all Defendants)**

16 248. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference herein each and every allegation  
17 contained in each of the preceding paragraphs.

18 249. Each Plaintiff owns a valid, registered copyright in the work(s) identified in this  
19 Complaint, as set forth in Exhibit A, which lists the author/copyright owner, title of the book, and  
20 United States Copyright Registration Number.

21 250. As detailed in the preceding paragraphs, Defendants, without Plaintiffs’  
22 permission or consent, have unlawfully infringed, including by downloading, copying,  
23 reproducing and distributing to the public and for their own benefit Plaintiffs’ copyrighted literary  
24 works.

25 251. Specifically, Defendants have unlawfully copied and then reproduced and  
26 distributed to the public through torrenting Plaintiffs’ copyrighted literary works listed in Exhibit  
27 A.

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1           252. Such torrenting activity constitutes direct infringement by Defendants of Plaintiffs’  
2 registered copyrights in these works in violation of their exclusive rights under the Copyright Act,  
3 17 U.S.C. §§ 106(1), (3) and 501. This specific act of copying a permanent library of pirated  
4 copies of books to be used for any purpose is not fair use under the following relevant factors:

5           **a. Purpose:** The purpose was to avoid the expense of purchasing the books, a  
6 commercial benefit. There was nothing transformative about the illegal  
7 copying

8           **b. Nature:** The works are expressive literary works entitled to strong copyright  
9 protection.

10           **c. Amount:** Anthropic copied each of Plaintiffs’ respective works in their  
11 entirety.

12           **d. Effect on Market:** The pirated copy displaced the sale of legitimate copies.  
13 Defendants usurped the market for the books it stole, a market it could have  
14 participated in legitimately by purchasing a license and paying Plaintiffs’ fair  
15 compensation for Defendants’ commercial exploitation of the works.

16           253. Each infringement of Plaintiffs’ copyrighted literary works by Defendants  
17 constitutes a separate and distinct act of infringement.

18           254. Defendant Mann personally performed the LibGen BitTorrent download in June  
19 2021 and personally directed or conducted the Books3 HTTP download in January or February  
20 2021. Each was a personal act of reproduction on a machine under Mann’s control.

21           255. Defendant Amodei personally authorized and directed the use of all three pirate  
22 sources as training data, overruled internal objections, and approved risk mitigation strategies for  
23 the BitTorrent operations.

24           256. Amodei had the right and ability to halt all infringing activity and failed to do so,  
25 knowing that he was committing copyright infringement.

26           257. To the extent Amodei and Mann’s acts are outside the scope of their agency for  
27 Anthropic and/or participated in, authorized, directed, or ratified the conduct of Anthropic,  
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1 Defendants are separately liable infringers, each of them subject to up to \$150,000 in statutory  
2 damages per work under 17 U.S.C. § 504(c)(1).

3 258. Defendants' acts of infringement were and are willful, intentional, purposeful, and  
4 in reckless disregard of Plaintiffs' rights.

5 259. Plaintiffs have each suffered actual damages as a direct and proximate result of  
6 Defendants' infringement of the copyrighted books.

7 260. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' infringement of Plaintiffs'  
8 copyrights and exclusive rights, Plaintiffs are each entitled to recover statutory damages up to  
9 \$150,000 per work pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504(c)(1).

10 261. Alternatively, at Plaintiffs' election, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504(b), Plaintiffs are  
11 entitled to their actual damages and Defendants' profits from infringement that are not considered  
12 in computing the actual damages, as will be proven at trial.

13 262. Where two or more Plaintiffs are co-authors and co-owners of the same  
14 copyrighted work, statutory damages are sought with respect to each such work; the allocation of  
15 any award among co-owning Plaintiffs shall be determined by agreement of the co-owners or as  
16 otherwise directed by the Court or jury.

17 263. Plaintiffs are each entitled to costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, pursuant  
18 to 17 U.S.C. § 505.

19 264. Defendants' conduct has caused, and any continued infringing conduct will  
20 continue to cause, irreparable injury to each Plaintiff, unless enjoined by this Court. Plaintiffs  
21 have no adequate remedy at law.

22 265. Pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 502, Plaintiffs are each entitled to a permanent injunction  
23 prohibiting infringement of each of Plaintiffs' exclusive copyrights in each of their books by  
24 Defendants and all persons acting in concert with them.

25 **VII. PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

26 Wherefore, Plaintiffs each pray for judgment against Defendants Anthropic, Amodei and  
27 Mann as follows:  
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- 1 a. Judgment on each of the claims set forth above, including that Anthropic has  
2 directly infringed Plaintiffs’ respective copyrights under the Copyright Act, that  
3 Dario Amodei and Benjamin Mann have directly infringed Plaintiffs’ copyrights  
4 under the Copyright Act and that such infringements and unlawful activities were  
5 willful or reckless;
- 6 b. An order requiring Defendants to pay Plaintiffs statutory damages in an amount up  
7 to the maximum provided by law, arising from Defendants’ willful violations of  
8 Plaintiffs’ rights under the Copyright Act, in an amount up to \$150,000 per work  
9 infringed, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504(c);
- 10 c. Alternatively, at Plaintiffs’ election, Defendants to pay Plaintiffs actual damages  
11 and Defendants’ profits from the infringement, in an amount to be proven at trial,  
12 pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504(b);
- 13 d. An order for such equitable relief under Title 17, Title 28, and/or the Court’s  
14 inherent authority as is necessary to prevent or restrain infringement of Plaintiffs’  
15 copyrights, including a permanent injunction requiring that Anthropic and its  
16 officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, directors, successors, assigns,  
17 licensees, and all others in active concert or participation with any of them,  
18 including Dario Amodei and Benjamin Mann, cease directly or indirectly  
19 infringing, or causing, aiding, enabling, facilitating, encouraging, promoting,  
20 inducing, or materially contributing to or participating in the infringement of any  
21 of Plaintiffs’ exclusive rights under copyright, including without limitation in the  
22 literary works in Exhibit A of Plaintiffs’ works.
- 23 e. An order requiring that Defendants destroy under the Court’s supervision all  
24 infringing copies of Plaintiffs’ copyrighted works in Defendants’ possession or  
25 control, and then file a sworn report setting forth in detail the manner in which it  
26 has complied with the aforesaid order, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 503(b);
- 27 f. Plaintiffs’ reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs in this action, pursuant to 17 U.S.C.  
28 § 505;

- 1 g. Pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the applicable rate on any monetary  
2 award made part of the judgment against Defendants, and  
3 h. Such other and further relief as the Court deems proper.

4 **VIII. JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

5 266. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38(b), Plaintiffs respectfully demand a  
6 trial by jury of all the claims asserted in this Complaint so triable.

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8 Dated: June 17, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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