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Northern District of California

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ANDREA BARTZ and KIRK WALLACE
JOHNSON, individually, and ANDREA
BARTZ, INC., CHARLES GRAEBER, and
MJ + KJ, INC., individually and as
representatives of the class,

No. C 24-05417 WHA

Plaintiffs,

**FURTHER ORDER RE
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION,
AND ORDER TO PRESERVE
COMMUNICATIONS**

v.

ANTHROPIC PBC,

Defendant.

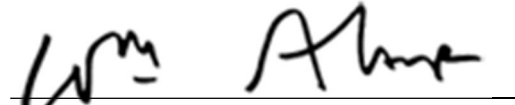
The district judge has read but does not fully understand the response by class counsel (Dkt. No. 487-1) to the order yesterday (Dkt. No. 485), and will have more to say on the subject in the future.

In the meantime, class counsel **SHALL ENSURE THE PRESERVATION** of past, present, and future communications of every type, however informal, at all touching on claims and/or opt outs as made to class members by class counsel, the settlement administrator, the class representatives, any organization represented by an appearance or by a declaration filed in this case — namely Anthropic PBC (and all its counsel), the so-called Authors’ Coordination Counsel (Cowan DeBaets Abrahams & Sheppard LLP and Fairmark Partners LLP), Publishers’ Coordination Counsel (Edelson PC and Oppenheim + Zebak, LLP), retained

1 public relations people (Shape Advocacy), Industry Working Group members and related
2 outfits (Association of American Publishers, Association of University Presses, Authors Guild,
3 Independent Publishers Guild, International Publishers Association, Novelists, Inc., The
4 Publishers Association Limited, Publishers' Licensing Services, Romance Writers of America,
5 Inc., Science Fiction & Fantasy Writers of America, Sisters in Crime, Society of Authors,
6 Textbook and Academic Authors Association, Writers House, Writers' Union), and anyone
7 else class counsel or defendant (or defense counsel) has retained or used to communicate to
8 class members about claims and/or opt-outs.

9 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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11 Dated: November 17, 2025.

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14 WILLIAM ALSUP
15 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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