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### Statement on *Bartz v. Anthropic* Copyright Infringement Settlement

*Settlement a victory for educational, academic authors, but not enough*

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (September 25, 2025) – The Textbook & Academic Authors Association (TAA) released a statement following a September 25 hearing granting preliminary approval of the settlement agreement in *Bartz v. Anthropic*, which awarded \$1.5 billion to authors and publishers whose books were pirated by Anthropic to train its large language models (LLMs).

*“Artificial intelligence poses a special threat to textbook and academic authors, who have throughout modern history been creators and custodians of the actual, human intelligence that is necessary to defend against the excesses, errors, and unintended consequences of overreliance on new technologies. The piracy of academic works and textbooks, which have shaped society by supporting the growth and development of generations through scholarly advancement and pedagogically sound educational materials, warrants the largest class action copyright settlement in history. We are hopeful that our legal system will provide protection to authors, where ethics and fairness have often failed.*

*The settlement is not enough. Textbook authors, in particular, continue to be in a pitched battle with certain educational publishers who refuse to negotiate fairly or honor prior commitments. The Textbook and Academic Authors Association has worked hard to support these authors, educate them about their rights, and provide support to them in their efforts to obtain a fair shake from these publishing relationships. We will continue to do so. While this settlement will not realign the relationship between publishers and authors, it is crucial that we send a united message—from authors and publishers alike—that we will not stand by while our work is stolen. In that respect, the \$1.5 billion penalty on Anthropic serves its purpose, delivers that warning, and the settlement is a victory.”*

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