

January 22, 2026

Objection to the proposed class action lawsuit of Bartz v. Anthropic:

- (1) Following the booklet guidelines on page 19 given by the United States District Court of the Northern District of California, I am providing my objection in writing.
- (2) Case name: *Bartz v. Anthropic PBC*, No. 3:24-cv-05417-WHA (N.D. Cal.)
- (3) James R. Sills, MEd. RRT, CPFT

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- (4) I believe I am a member of the class because my name and two of my works/books are listed on the www.AnthropicCopyrightSettlement.com website on the Works List Lookup.
- (5) I have two works on the Works List Lookup which identify me as a rightsholder. They are listed as Education Works.
- (6) Here are my copyright interests in the works:
 - a. I am the sole author and beneficial owner of The Comprehensive Respiratory Therapist Exam Review, edition 7; published by Elsevier, Inc. in 2020. ISBN 978-0-323-55367-4. Edition 7 is still being published. I will provide a copy of my contract when needed.
 - b. I am the sole author of Multiskilling: Respiratory Care for the Health Care Provider, published by Delmar Publishers in 1998. ISBN 0-7668-0075-X. Beverly M. Kovanda is the Series Editor and also listed as a rightsholder. This book is no longer being published. I am a beneficial owner and will be a sole owner if the rights to the book have reverted to me (and possibly Ms. Kovanda) from the publisher. Since I no longer have a copy of my contract, I would need to receive it from Delmar to provide it to the court.
- (7) Objection #1 below, applies only to me. Objection #2 below, applies to the entire Class.
- (8) Specific grounds for the objection:
 - Objection #1. Unfair distribution of the proposed Settlement Funds. Reasons: a) Booklet page 16, question 39's response states, in part, that the Class Counsel be paid up to 25% of the Settlement Fund for attorney's fees and expenses. This could amount to \$375,000,000. If the settlement's proposed payment of \$3,000 per work is reduced by up to 25%, there may only be a \$2,250 payment per work. This would be split between the author(s) and the publisher. I propose that a much smaller percentage of the Settlement Fund be paid for attorney's fees. The authors and publishers should be paid much more for each work.
 - b) In the case of my book with Elsevier, the publisher wants to divide up the settlement money with 12% going to me, the author, and 88% going to Elsevier. This is unfair to me. I propose that the settlement fund be divided on a 50/50 basis like all other non-Education Works.
 - c) In the case of my book with Delmar Publishers, I offer two fair solutions: 1. If Delmar Publishing has reverted the book's rights to me, I should receive all of the settlement money. If Beverly M. Kovanda is a rights holder with me, we should divide the settlement money equally.

2. If Delmar Publishing and I are to share the settlement money, it should be divided on a 50/50 basis like all other non-Education Works. If Beverly M. Kovanda is a rights holder with me, we should divide of the settlement money equally. We would both get 25%.

Objection #2. Anthropic must destroy/remove/delete all copies of electronic books (ebooks) and physical works/books that were loaded/placed into its Artificial Intelligence (AI) computers. This will protect the authors from any future misuse of their works. Currently, the **Dataset Destruction Obligations** only require that electronic works (ebooks) torrented/downloaded from Library Genesis or Pirate Library Mirror be destroyed. Currently, Anthropic will not delete any scanned physical copies of works/books. So, they currently can use these works. The key problem: I don't know how Anthropic acquired/pirated my two works. No authors will know how their works were taken by Anthropic. So, no authors will know if their works will be destroyed or not. Therefore, all forms of all of the works must be destroyed and not utilized by Anthropic.

More important is protecting the general public from any future misuse of my and other authors' works. My books are written for respiratory therapists and other health care professionals. However, when the general public makes use of the Anthropic AI system for medical advice they can be easily misled. It is well known that AI systems will *hallucinate* incorrect information and try to convince the general user that the wrong information is correct. In addition, AI systems are designed to gain the user's confidence. Even convince the users to harm themselves. National news outlets have reported that several people have committed suicide under the guidance of AI systems. People with bad intentions can misuse the content of medical books to harm themselves or others. For example, medications can be taken incorrectly and medical equipment can be adjusted incorrectly or turned off. It is imperative that my books and the works of other healthcare authors be totally removed from the Anthropic AI system. It is a matter of public health and safety.

(9) I have spoken three times with Jae Park from LEIFF CABRASER HEIMANN & BERNSTEIN, LLP. 275 Battery Street, 29th Floor, San Francisco CA 94111. Phone: 800 254-2660

(10) I do not intend to appear for the hearing. I cannot speak for Ms. Park but have not asked her to attend on my behalf.

(11) Sincerely yours,



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