

# #SoAatHome | Industry Insider – Anthropropic settlement

Tuesday 18 November 2025



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00:00:00,733--> 00:00:02,081

Good evening, everybody.

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Thank you very much for  
joining this evening's webinar.

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As you know, we're  
going to be discussing

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00:00:09,492--> 00:00:12,510

the settlement that  
has been reached...

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00:00:12,535--> 00:00:14,788

or I should say proposed

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in the US action that's been  
brought by a number of authors

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00:00:19,000--> 00:00:21,668

against the AI company Anthropic

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00:00:21,692--> 00:00:24,484

for mass copyright infringement.

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My name's Keith Ashby,

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I'm the Society of

Authors' General Counsel.

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As an English

qualified solicitor

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in private practice

for over 20 years,

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I've been representing clients

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in the creative industries

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including in claims for  
copyright infringement.

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What I'm not qualified to do

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00:00:46,732--> 00:00:48,500

is to comment on

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the US law or US  
legal proceedings.

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00:00:52,452--> 00:00:55,551

So, I'm delighted to be

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joined this evening by two  
partners at the firms representing

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the plaintiffs in the  
action against Anthropropic.

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A warm welcome to Jallé  
H. Dafa of Lieff Cabraser

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and Michael Adamson  
of Susman Godfrey.

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And by way of introduction,

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Lieff Cabraser is a  
national US law firm

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with offices in San  
Francisco, New York,

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Nashville and Munich.

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And the firm focuses on  
complex class action litigation

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exclusively on  
behalf of plaintiffs.

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And among the  
many interesting cases

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that she's been involved with,

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Jallé represented professors in  
a claim against Duke University

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and the University of North

Carolina in a pay dispute

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which led to a settlement  
of over \$73 million.

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And successfully challenged  
the Trump administration's

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unlawful decision to  
withhold COVID-19 relief

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from incarcerated Americans.

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There's another webinar  
right there, I think.

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Susman Godfrey also  
has extensive experience

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handling hundreds

of class actions

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and complex copyright

disputes throughout the US.

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Michael has been

recognized by Daily Journal

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00:02:18,412--> 00:02:21,818

as a top 40 lawyer under 40

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00:02:21,843--> 00:02:24,508

and by National Law Journal

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as a Plaintiff's

Attorney Trailblazer.

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Um, we've received lots of

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interesting questions in  
advance of tonight's webinar, so

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we'll be prioritizing those.

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But during the  
course of the event,

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you will have an opportunity  
to ask questions, so

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please do pop them in the box.

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And it may be that you  
haven't had a chance to



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00:02:49,372--> 00:02:51,228

ask questions previously

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00:02:51,252--> 00:02:52,500

or you want to ask questions

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in response to things

that you hear this evening,

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and we'll get to as many

of those as we possibly can.

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Before we go on to questions,

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00:03:03,652--> 00:03:06,508

our guest speakers

have been kind enough

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to prepare a presentation,

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and so they are going to talk  
us through the action itself

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which should, um, frame nicely

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00:03:16,012--> 00:03:19,028

the discussions that we have  
afterwards and the questions.

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So I shall hand over  
to our guest speakers.

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Thank you.

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-Thank you, Keith.

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So I'm going to  
give an overview of

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the case and how we  
got to this point prior

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to the settlement, and then

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Jallé is gonna tell  
you a little bit about

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the settlement, kind of the...

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Um, the basic facts to know

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and what... what, um...

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rights holders can do in  
response to the settlement.

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So this case was

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initially filed in August 2024

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alleging that  
Anthropic infringed

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on copyrights by  
downloading books from

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pirate website...

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from pirate websites, and

then using those books to train

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its commercial models.

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Um, a lot of you

may be familiar with

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Claude is... is the...

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most famous of the

commercial models that

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Anthropic has created.

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And from the beginning,

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Anthropic insisted that  
this case was going

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to rise or fall on  
its fair use defence.

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Um, so the company

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really pushed to have  
that issue decided

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early in the case, even before

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the court decided whether

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to certify the case  
as a class action.

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Um...

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Some of you may  
be familiar with...

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with how this works,  
but typically we

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start out a class action with

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a few named plaintiffs,

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one or more, and then

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we seek to have the case  
certified so that we can, um...

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as a... as class counsel, and as...

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as the named plaintiffs can  
represent a much larger group

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of class members who  
are similarly situated

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and kind of officially  
litigate their claims in that way.

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Um, the court did, as

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Anthropic requested.

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It did decide Anthropic's  
motion for summary judgment

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on fair use before

class certification.

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And the court held that, one,

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using books to train AI

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qualifies as fair use.

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That was contrary

to the argument that

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we as plaintiffs made.

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But the court also held  
that downloading books

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from pirated websites is,

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to use the terminology  
that the court used,

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inherently,  
irredeemably infringing.

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Now, Judge Alsup  
is just one judge

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and other judges are not

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required to follow

his rulings, but

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of course his rulings were

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um...

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determinative of

the rights of the...

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of the plaintiffs in this case.

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Less than a month

later, the court granted

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plaintiff's motion

for class certification,

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meaning that what started  
as a case on behalf of a few

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authors became officially

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a suit on behalf of  
hundreds of thousands of

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authors, publishers,  
and other rights holders.

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Anthropic, after we  
received those rulings,

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did everything they could

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00:06:48,296--> 00:06:51,500

to fight them and push back

against them and appeal them.

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They sought leave to appeal  
the court's class certification order

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to the Ninth Circuit.

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And that motion was

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pending when the parties  
reached their settlement agreement.

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I'll turn the time to Jallé to talk  
a little bit about that agreement.

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-Thank you, Michael, and thank  
you, Keith, for that warm welcome.

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Hi everyone, my name is Jallé.

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Greetings from San  
Francisco, California.

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Um, so to chat a little bit  
about the settlement itself...

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Here in the United  
States, in a class action,

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when a case settles,

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the court steps into the role  
of being a fiduciary to the class.

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And the court must  
approve a settlement

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before it can go into effect.

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And the approval process  
occurs in two stages.

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00:07:39,500--> 00:07:42,588

The first stage is  
preliminary approval.

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00:07:42,612--> 00:07:46,918

The court granted preliminary  
approval on September 25th.

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00:07:46,943--> 00:07:49,908

And the second  
stage is final approval.

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00:07:49,932--> 00:07:52,628

So right now, the case is

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00:07:52,652--> 00:07:54,896

in the stage

between preliminary

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00:07:54,936--> 00:07:56,788

and final approval.

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00:07:56,812--> 00:08:00,668

Um, at the moment, the date

for the final approval hearing

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00:08:00,692--> 00:08:03,500

is April 23 2026.

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00:08:03,500--> 00:08:07,308

Um, and so that, that

date may get pushed back,

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00:08:07,332--> 00:08:10,500

but that's the currently scheduled

date for the final approval hearing.

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So, in between preliminary approval  
and final approval, where we are now,

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00:08:15,500--> 00:08:19,308

notice is typically  
directed to the class.

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00:08:19,332--> 00:08:22,348

And so notice  
means, essentially,

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00:08:22,372--> 00:08:25,300

a description about the case  
and the different options that

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00:08:25,325--> 00:08:29,023

potential class member has in  
participating in the settlement.

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Um, so...

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the notice hasn't formally  
been issued yet.

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Uh, notice... the court has ordered  
that notice needs to be distributed

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00:08:36,828--> 00:08:39,788

by mail and by email.

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00:08:39,812--> 00:08:42,028

But all potential class members

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00:08:42,052--> 00:08:44,500

will receive notice  
of the settlement

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00:08:44,500--> 00:08:47,108

and that should  
occur later this month,

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00:08:47,132--> 00:08:48,500

however, um...

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00:08:48,500--> 00:08:51,148

that date also might  
get pushed back. So,

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00:08:51,172--> 00:08:54,325

I should say now, the settlement  
website has a lot of really great

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00:08:54,350--> 00:08:56,628

information about the case,

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00:08:56,652--> 00:08:58,908

and it is, uh, it is, uh...

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00:08:58,932--> 00:09:01,500

AnthropicCopyrightSettlement.com,

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00:09:01,500--> 00:09:03,825

has all the important  
dates and the important

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00:09:03,850--> 00:09:06,878

documents about the

settlement, as well as, um...

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00:09:06,902--> 00:09:09,500

and a very helpful FAQ as well.

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Um...

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00:09:11,452--> 00:09:13,788

So, uh...

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In the settlement, all

class members will have

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essentially four options.

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00:09:19,652--> 00:09:23,296

The right to submit a claim,

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the right to object

to the settlement,

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the right to opt out

of the settlement,

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and the right to do nothing.

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So I'll talk about what

each of those options mean.

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Submitting a valid claim

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is the best way to obtain

a settlement payment.

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You can go to the

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00:09:41,412--> 00:09:44,228

settlement website

and there is a tool there

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called The Works... what

we call The Works List.

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And you can search by author,

title or various other items

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to determine whether or not

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any of your books are

part of the settlement.

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And submitting a valid

claim is the best way to

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be able to participate in the settlement.

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The second option is  
objecting to the settlement.

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And that is a way of  
letting the court know

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that you don't  
like the settlement

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and you don't think the court should  
grant final approval in the spring.

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The third option, opting out,

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means that you and all  
of the other rights holders

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to that particular book

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will not receive a  
settlement payment.

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But also, it means  
that the settlement

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does not release any claims that  
you might have against Anthropropic.

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And so if you and  
the other rights holders

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decide to bring  
a separate action,



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you can do so.

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Last, doing nothing means  
that you receive, um...

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You may receive a  
settlement payment

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or you may not receive  
a settlement payment.

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So, for example, if an author decides  
not to submit a claim and does nothing

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while a publisher submits  
a claim for the same work

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and indicates on  
the claim form that

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the author is entitled to part  
of the settlement payment,

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then the settlement payment  
will be made to the author,

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even though the author hasn't  
actually submitted a claim themselves.

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On the other hand,

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if none of the rights holders  
to that particular work

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submits a valid  
claim for that work,

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then no settlement payment  
will be issued for that work.

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So that's why it's best to...

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If you believe you're  
part of the class action

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or your work is part  
of the settlement,

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you should submit a claim.

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Um, now, all of the money

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in the settlement is what  
we call non-reversionary,

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which means that Anthropic is on  
the hook for the \$1.5 billion settlement,

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no matter how many class  
members submit valid claims.

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That means all of the settlement  
money will be distributed to the class.

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So that wraps up  
our settlement portion

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overview of this presentation.

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I'll turn the microphone  
back to Keith for questions.

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-Brilliant, thank you  
so much, really helpful.

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And I've got some  
questions about

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the history of the proceedings

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and the route to  
settlement that I'd like to

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ask you guys  
before we delve into

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some of the questions that  
we've received, and you've

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actually anticipated a  
couple of them already.

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When the... the claim is filed  
in August 2024,

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initially by three authors

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who deserve a shout-out,

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Andrea Barth, Charles Graeber,  
and Kirk Wallace Johnson.

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And so, was the...

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The intention was always that it was  
going to evolve into a class action.

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It didn't become a class action  
because of what you learned

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in the defence that was

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filed by Anthropic or the  
information you learnt.

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00:12:37,609--> 00:12:39,588

That was always  
the intention, was it?

253

00:12:40,279--> 00:12:43,308

Correct. From our  
very first complaint,

254

00:12:43,332--> 00:12:47,711

we alleged what we  
call a putative class action.

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00:12:47,736--> 00:12:52,500

So we had always intended  
to seek class certification,

256

00:12:52,500--> 00:12:55,388

but then the case doesn't  
officially become a class action

257

00:12:55,412--> 00:12:58,548

until the court orders, um...

258

00:12:58,572--> 00:13:00,500

That the class is  
officially certified.

259

00:13:00,500--> 00:13:04,500

But we had always intended  
for this to be a class action.

260

00:13:04,500--> 00:13:05,668



-Right.

261

00:13:05,692--> 00:13:07,871

Um, and the other  
question about timing,

262

00:13:07,895--> 00:13:09,988

which interested me.

263

00:13:10,012--> 00:13:12,500

So, filed in August 2024.

264

00:13:12,500--> 00:13:15,868

If a settlement  
hadn't been reached,

265

00:13:15,892--> 00:13:18,118

the trial was  
listed for hearing

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00:13:18,143--> 00:13:19,828

to start next month.

267

00:13:19,852--> 00:13:22,500

At 16 months, thereabouts.

268

00:13:22,500--> 00:13:25,988

That's an incredibly  
tight timetable

269

00:13:26,012--> 00:13:28,500

for a case of this complexity.

270

00:13:28,500--> 00:13:31,051

And I wondered  
whether that was unusual,

271

00:13:31,075--> 00:13:32,748

whether it had been expedited,

272

00:13:32,772--> 00:13:34,500

because I was struck by

273

00:13:34,500--> 00:13:36,828

one of the remarks  
that the judge

274

00:13:36,852--> 00:13:40,108

made in one of the papers  
that I saw, and he said that

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00:13:40,132--> 00:13:41,500

"this case bristles

276

00:13:41,500--> 00:13:44,228

with important issues."

277

00:13:44,252--> 00:13:46,188

Um, and I'm sure we all...

278

00:13:46,212--> 00:13:48,500

we all agree with that.

279

00:13:48,500--> 00:13:51,748

And if it's usual for  
a claim of this nature

280

00:13:51,772--> 00:13:54,500

to get to trial  
within 16 months.

281

00:13:54,500--> 00:13:57,988

I think there are  
about 54 active cases

282

00:13:58,012--> 00:13:59,588

against AI companies

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00:13:59,612--> 00:14:01,508

in the US currently.

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00:14:01,532--> 00:14:05,351

So, can we expect  
to see a slew of

285

00:14:05,376--> 00:14:08,038

settlements and judgments

286

00:14:08,062--> 00:14:11,175

coming out of the US  
in the coming months

287

00:14:11,200--> 00:14:14,713

or are we going to have  
to wait a little bit longer?

288

00:14:15,500--> 00:14:17,068

-I can jump in.

289

00:14:17,092--> 00:14:18,863

So, in the US,

290

00:14:18,888--> 00:14:23,011

the court really has control of  
its own schedule and docket.

291

00:14:23,036--> 00:14:25,708

And judges are very,

292

00:14:25,732--> 00:14:27,828

as I'm sure they  
vary in the UK as well,

293

00:14:27,852--> 00:14:29,905

they very much vary  
here in the United States.

294

00:14:29,930--> 00:14:31,908

Some judges, um...

295

00:14:31,932--> 00:14:35,500

keep a very tight schedule,  
like... like our court, Judge Alsup.

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00:14:35,500--> 00:14:38,378

And other judges take  
a little bit more time.

297

00:14:38,403--> 00:14:41,268

I would say the average case,

298

00:14:41,292--> 00:14:44,500

in my experience, has  
been about 3 to 5 years.

299

00:14:44,500--> 00:14:46,988

So this was a little  
bit faster than usual.

300

00:14:47,012--> 00:14:49,118

But, um, I think the court

301

00:14:49,143--> 00:14:51,868

did a wonderful job of, um...

302

00:14:51,892--> 00:14:55,225

You know, putting a lot of  
energy and resources into the case

303

00:14:55,250--> 00:14:56,828

and that is part of the reason

304

00:14:56,852--> 00:14:59,031

why it moved a  
little bit quicker.

305

00:14:59,056--> 00:15:01,228

And we've been very  
grateful to the court

306

00:15:01,252--> 00:15:03,188

for all of the energy and time

307

00:15:03,212--> 00:15:04,988

that the court has

spent devote-- You know,

308

00:15:05,012--> 00:15:08,500

getting to know the issues and

understanding the complexity of the case.

309

00:15:08,500--> 00:15:11,976

-Brilliant, yeah, very

impressive to get it to this stage

310

00:15:12,000--> 00:15:13,885

so quickly.

311

00:15:13,909--> 00:15:18,000

Again, related to the

history of the proceedings,

312

00:15:18,000--> 00:15:21,508

you often hear that

bringing cases against

313

00:15:21,532--> 00:15:23,708



AI companies are

314

00:15:23,732--> 00:15:26,388

David and Goliath situations,

315

00:15:26,412--> 00:15:28,703

and you guys in the US are

316

00:15:28,728--> 00:15:32,028

way ahead of us in the UK.

317

00:15:32,052--> 00:15:36,108

I wondered whether you could  
give us a sense of the resources

318

00:15:36,132--> 00:15:37,800

that are required  
in order to bring

319

00:15:37,800--> 00:15:41,041

legal action against  
AI companies.

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00:15:41,065--> 00:15:45,508

What do the legal teams  
look like in terms of their size?

321

00:15:45,532--> 00:15:51,800

And can you put a figure  
on or estimate the costs

322

00:15:51,800--> 00:15:54,548

that have been incurred by the parties  
to get to this stage,

323

00:15:54,572--> 00:15:57,428

and of course, this  
stage doesn't include

324

00:15:57,452--> 00:16:01,228

the costs that would be  
involved in a contentious trial.

325

00:16:01,252--> 00:16:04,548

So I'd be very interested if you could  
share any information you have about...

326

00:16:04,572--> 00:16:07,276

about those two points.

327

00:16:07,300--> 00:16:09,868

-Sure, I'll jump in on that one.

328

00:16:09,892--> 00:16:11,588

Um...

329

00:16:11,612--> 00:16:13,148

Class actions,

330

00:16:13,172--> 00:16:17,228

in any case, is really

331

00:16:17,252--> 00:16:18,828

on behalf of

332

00:16:18,852--> 00:16:21,908

a large group of people against

333

00:16:21,932--> 00:16:24,300

a well-financed defendant

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00:16:24,300--> 00:16:26,861

represented by some of the top

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00:16:26,885--> 00:16:29,300

defence firms in the country.

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00:16:29,300--> 00:16:32,188

Are gonna be

expensive to litigate,

337

00:16:32,212--> 00:16:34,595

and this case was no different

338

00:16:34,620--> 00:16:38,668

in... you know, as you

mentioned, it's only been...

339

00:16:38,692--> 00:16:42,308

Oh, 17 months

or so at this point

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00:16:42,332--> 00:16:44,300

since the action started.

341

00:16:44,300--> 00:16:47,300

But during that time,

there's been tens of millions

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00:16:47,300--> 00:16:50,115

in terms of attorney time

343

00:16:50,139--> 00:16:52,300

devoted to litigating this case.

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00:16:52,300--> 00:16:55,868

There's been millions spent on

345

00:16:55,892--> 00:16:59,468

experts and other expenses,

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00:16:59,492--> 00:17:01,921

and all of those are borne by

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00:17:01,946--> 00:17:03,668

class counsel.

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00:17:03,692--> 00:17:05,908

Not a lot of firms

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00:17:05,932--> 00:17:07,868

in the country can

350

00:17:07,892--> 00:17:09,948

self-finance those expenses.

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00:17:09,972--> 00:17:13,428

We do. We bear all

of the expenses, um...

352

00:17:13,452--> 00:17:17,300

that are kind of associated

with litigating the case.

353

00:17:17,300--> 00:17:19,908

And, um, then at the end,

354

00:17:19,932--> 00:17:22,300

as part of the final approval

process, we try and get

355

00:17:22,300--> 00:17:25,428

those costs compensated  
and reimbursed.

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00:17:25,452--> 00:17:26,908

but those are all subject to

357

00:17:26,932--> 00:17:31,588

the court's approval and subject to the  
court's fiduciary obligations to the class.

358

00:17:34,146--> 00:17:35,486

-And in terms of...

359

00:17:35,511--> 00:17:38,255

I was just gonna say, I'll add that  
in terms of the size of the team,

360

00:17:38,280--> 00:17:39,978

since you asked, I  
think there's about

361

00:17:40,003--> 00:17:42,548

5 to 7 attorneys at each firm.

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00:17:42,572--> 00:17:45,628

And then we have a whole  
wonderful group of staff

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00:17:45,652--> 00:17:47,845

at each firm as well that  
have been supporting us

364

00:17:47,870--> 00:17:52,308

in getting all of our  
filings on the court

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00:17:52,332--> 00:17:54,571

and getting all  
of our cases, um...

366

00:17:54,596--> 00:17:56,348

case items organized.

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00:17:56,372--> 00:18:00,978



A lot of the costs associated with the  
case were associated with discovery,

368

00:18:01,003--> 00:18:04,868

taking depositions,  
filing motions, um,

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00:18:04,892--> 00:18:07,668

and uh... and then also,  
as Michael mentioned,

370

00:18:07,692--> 00:18:09,348

hiring experts as well,

371

00:18:09,372--> 00:18:13,300

given the technical aspect of  
the claims at issuance case.

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00:18:13,300--> 00:18:15,388

-And I'll say one more thing...

373

00:18:15,412--> 00:18:18,098

We had a hearing last week

374

00:18:18,123--> 00:18:19,788

before Judge Alsup

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00:18:19,812--> 00:18:23,028

with, um, uh...

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00:18:23,052--> 00:18:26,508

a small firm

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00:18:26,532--> 00:18:28,628

that was kind of

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00:18:28,652--> 00:18:32,268

dabbling with the idea

of bringing its own lawsuit,

379

00:18:32,292--> 00:18:34,878

and the court expressed

a lot of scepticism

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00:18:34,903--> 00:18:37,108

that, um...

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00:18:37,132--> 00:18:41,308

You know, a small firm  
without much internal financing

382

00:18:41,332--> 00:18:43,588

could handle  
litigation like this.

383

00:18:43,612--> 00:18:46,468

I think the court's scepticism  
is driven by the fact that these

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00:18:46,492--> 00:18:48,300

are really good lawyers.

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00:18:48,300--> 00:18:51,308

We have a lot of respect  
for the defence lawyers

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00:18:51,332--> 00:18:53,300

that were involved in  
this case, who fought

387

00:18:53,300--> 00:18:56,148

very hard at every stage.

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00:18:56,172--> 00:18:59,188

Every important document

we had to fight to get,

389

00:18:59,212--> 00:19:00,948

um, you know,

390

00:19:00,972--> 00:19:03,748

often through

motion practice, um...

391

00:19:03,772--> 00:19:08,300

You know, and so it was kind of fighting

tooth and nail at every step, so it's...

392

00:19:08,300--> 00:19:11,300

It takes a lot of resources,

393

00:19:11,300--> 00:19:15,148

a lot of smart people to, um...

394

00:19:15,172--> 00:19:18,300

to kind of get us to  
where we are today.

395

00:19:18,300--> 00:19:21,948

-And that rather leads into  
the next question I had,

396

00:19:21,972--> 00:19:25,300

because we've been campaigning  
very hard at the Society of Authors

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00:19:25,300--> 00:19:28,348

on the issue of transparency,

398

00:19:28,372--> 00:19:31,300

because it seems to be in  
rather short supply, where

399

00:19:31,300--> 00:19:33,828

AI companies are concerned.

400

00:19:33,852--> 00:19:37,148

And for those people who  
are watching who are not

401

00:19:37,172--> 00:19:40,085

as familiar with the legal  
ceilings as we all are,

402

00:19:40,110--> 00:19:46,088

one of the requirements when parties  
litigate is that they have to disclose

403

00:19:46,113--> 00:19:48,708

documents to the other party,

404

00:19:48,732--> 00:19:51,588

which relates the  
issues and dispute.

405

00:19:51,612--> 00:19:54,468

And those documents  
may be helpful to their case

406

00:19:54,492--> 00:19:56,300

or they may be

harmful to their case.

407

00:19:56,300--> 00:19:58,428

And as I was  
reviewing documents,

408

00:19:58,452--> 00:20:03,300

literally millions of documents have  
been disclosed during the action,

409

00:20:03,300--> 00:20:08,300

and I noted that there are  
references to multiple motions

410

00:20:08,300--> 00:20:11,468

where it seems that  
you were having to

411

00:20:11,492--> 00:20:14,301

drag those  
documents out of them

412

00:20:14,326--> 00:20:17,588

in order to get the

information that you needed

413

00:20:17,612--> 00:20:19,731

in order to progress the claim.

414

00:20:19,755--> 00:20:21,348

I'm not suggesting  
that they were doing

415

00:20:21,372--> 00:20:23,228

the kind of thing they  
weren't entitled to.

416

00:20:23,252--> 00:20:27,828

I mean, it's a fertile ground,  
disclosure or discovery.

417

00:20:27,852--> 00:20:32,300

Um, and... and I just wondered  
if you had any comments about,

418

00:20:32,300--> 00:20:36,188

whether that was one of  
the main challenges in the...



419

00:20:36,212--> 00:20:38,300

in the action to get

the information that you

420

00:20:38,300--> 00:20:40,778

needed in order to

421

00:20:40,802--> 00:20:43,300

negotiate a settlement.

422

00:20:43,300--> 00:20:45,948

-I could jump in on that one.

423

00:20:45,972--> 00:20:49,300

So, as plaintiff's counsel,

it's our duty to prosecute the case.

424

00:20:49,300--> 00:20:51,988

And we have certain

tools that we can use

425

00:20:52,012--> 00:20:55,300

in order to get the evidence  
that we need to prove our claims.

426

00:20:55,300--> 00:20:58,151

There are requests for  
production, and that is

427

00:20:58,176--> 00:21:00,628

essentially document  
requests that we issue.

428

00:21:00,652--> 00:21:02,948

There are written  
interrogatories,

429

00:21:02,972--> 00:21:05,300

which are written questions  
the defendants must answer.

430

00:21:05,300--> 00:21:07,148

And then, of  
course, depositions.

431

00:21:07,172--> 00:21:12,028

So, with the request  
for production

432

00:21:12,052--> 00:21:14,300

for the written  
request for documents,

433

00:21:14,300--> 00:21:16,788

a lot of the fights  
are around, sort of,

434

00:21:16,812--> 00:21:19,300

whether or not the  
requests are relevant,

435

00:21:19,300--> 00:21:21,988

what those requests  
are asking for,

436

00:21:22,012--> 00:21:24,300

what are the scope of  
those requests, are those...

437

00:21:24,300--> 00:21:28,668

are those scopes appropriate  
or are they too broad?

438

00:21:28,692--> 00:21:30,010

Are they too narrow?

439

00:21:30,035--> 00:21:33,828

Um, and so, I would  
say, yes, it is often a...

440

00:21:33,852--> 00:21:36,058

a hard fight, especially with

441

00:21:36,083--> 00:21:38,788

some of the best defence  
lawyers in the country.

442

00:21:38,812--> 00:21:41,508

They know what they're doing,  
they know how to protect their client.

443

00:21:41,532--> 00:21:43,628

And so, I wouldn't say  
there's anything that happened

444

00:21:43,652--> 00:21:45,628

that was untoward or  
unusual in this case.

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00:21:45,652--> 00:21:49,548

It was just sort of general  
complex class action litigation

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00:21:49,572--> 00:21:51,428

where you have to, you know,

447

00:21:51,452--> 00:21:54,828

advocate and fight in order to  
get the documents that you need.

448

00:21:54,852--> 00:21:57,300

And we did that here. We  
got quite a few documents

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00:21:57,300--> 00:21:59,468

that were helpful to us.

450

00:21:59,492--> 00:22:02,828

And then in regards to  
depositions, you know, same thing.

451

00:22:02,852--> 00:22:05,300

You have to, you know, sort of,

452

00:22:05,300--> 00:22:09,268

identify the witnesses that you  
think have the relevant information

453

00:22:09,292--> 00:22:11,285

and there's a back and  
forth about whether or not

454

00:22:11,309--> 00:22:13,935

those individuals are  
appropriate for deposition.

455

00:22:13,960--> 00:22:15,788

Um, and so...

456

00:22:15,812--> 00:22:18,188

and sort of how many

depositions you can take,

457

00:22:18,212--> 00:22:19,300

and when those can occur.

458

00:22:19,300--> 00:22:21,468

Um, and so I would say that,

459

00:22:21,492--> 00:22:24,308

absolutely, we definitely

had to advocate and fight

460

00:22:24,332--> 00:22:26,300

to get the discovery that

we needed in the case.

461

00:22:26,300--> 00:22:29,148

But then again, it

was sort of, um...

462

00:22:29,172--> 00:22:30,788

It's sort of the...

463

00:22:30,812--> 00:22:33,748

the thing that we have  
to do in every case,

464

00:22:33,772--> 00:22:35,300

frankly, with big  
defendants, because

465

00:22:35,300--> 00:22:37,668

that's just the nature of the  
game here in the United States

466

00:22:37,692--> 00:22:39,300

in terms of how discovery works.

467

00:22:40,282--> 00:22:43,890

-One final question before we go on  
to the questions that we've received.

468

00:22:43,915--> 00:22:47,300

There has been some  
concern about the split.

469

00:22:47,300--> 00:22:52,588



Um, the share between the  
authors and the publishers.

470

00:22:52,612--> 00:22:55,228

And I wondered whether  
you could reassure

471

00:22:55,252--> 00:22:58,988

those listening that the split  
was achieved in a way that,

472

00:22:59,012--> 00:23:01,548

as I understand it,

473

00:23:01,572--> 00:23:03,708

both the publishers  
and the Authors Guild

474

00:23:03,732--> 00:23:06,300

were involved in  
negotiating that split.

475

00:23:06,300--> 00:23:10,300

Um, and the court, as I

understand it, when it first...

476

00:23:10,300--> 00:23:13,188

was asked to look

at the settlement,

477

00:23:13,212--> 00:23:16,348

was concerned about

that particular issue.

478

00:23:17,300--> 00:23:21,468

Yeah, one of the challenges of

479

00:23:21,492--> 00:23:24,348

finalizing the settlement

480

00:23:24,372--> 00:23:26,478

and getting the

court to approve it

481

00:23:26,502--> 00:23:28,300

was to make sure

482

00:23:28,300--> 00:23:31,148

that rights holders  
are treated fairly.

483

00:23:31,172--> 00:23:35,788

And that the settlement  
could be administered in a

484

00:23:35,812--> 00:23:37,918

reasonably efficient way.

485

00:23:37,943--> 00:23:40,308

And we feel like we've...

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00:23:40,332--> 00:23:42,300

we've struck a good  
balance in that regard.

487

00:23:42,300--> 00:23:47,068

The default, um,  
split is not mandatory.

488

00:23:47,092--> 00:23:51,185

Anyone can decide that they

want to push for a different split,

489

00:23:51,210--> 00:23:53,828

submit the relevant contracts,

490

00:23:53,852--> 00:23:56,868

and if they do, then,

um, class counsel

491

00:23:56,892--> 00:23:59,300

and the settlement administrator

will review those documents

492

00:23:59,300--> 00:24:02,468

and, um, will

493

00:24:02,492--> 00:24:05,988

aim to reflect the

rights that are, um...

494

00:24:06,012--> 00:24:09,300

that are discussed in those

documents that are submitted.

495

00:24:09,300--> 00:24:11,428

If a dispute results,

496

00:24:11,452--> 00:24:13,348

there's a dispute

resolution process

497

00:24:13,372--> 00:24:17,300

that's governed by a

neutral, court-approved

498

00:24:17,300--> 00:24:19,228

Um...

499

00:24:19,252--> 00:24:21,108

I guess we would call

them a special master

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00:24:21,132--> 00:24:23,868

in this context.

501

00:24:23,892--> 00:24:25,228

Um...

502

00:24:25,252--> 00:24:28,300

So, we're trying to get to a right  
answer, and we're trying to get...

503

00:24:28,300--> 00:24:30,948

to get there as  
efficiently as possible.

504

00:24:30,972--> 00:24:32,788

So that, you know,

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00:24:32,812--> 00:24:35,878

the costs of administering  
the settlement don't become

506

00:24:35,903--> 00:24:39,348

so big that it detracts  
from the benefits that

507

00:24:39,372--> 00:24:41,300

class members can receive.

508

00:24:41,300--> 00:24:44,788

-Yes, and I'll add that, uh,

509

00:24:44,812--> 00:24:47,348

to emphasize

Michael's point, that the

510

00:24:47,372--> 00:24:50,148

default 50-50 split

is not a requirement.

511

00:24:50,172--> 00:24:52,938

It is an option when you're  
filling out the claim form.

512

00:24:52,963--> 00:24:55,958

And if there... if you have  
any reason to believe

513

00:24:55,983--> 00:24:59,388

or you feel that a 50-50 split

514

00:24:59,412--> 00:25:01,300

is not appropriate

for your books

515

00:25:01,300--> 00:25:02,908

or book,

516

00:25:02,932--> 00:25:04,695

you can absolutely indicate.

517

00:25:04,719--> 00:25:07,300

So, in the claim form, and  
there's also an opportunity to

518

00:25:07,300--> 00:25:11,028

submit any, um, and  
upload any relevant contracts

519

00:25:11,052--> 00:25:14,300

that would reflect that  
you are entitled to more...

520

00:25:14,300--> 00:25:17,508

You know, for example,  
if you believe all



521

00:25:17,532--> 00:25:19,625

of the rights to the work

have reverted to you,

522

00:25:19,650--> 00:25:22,348

as the author, you can indicate so

523

00:25:22,372--> 00:25:26,300

and upload the

documentation to support it.

524

00:25:26,300--> 00:25:29,811

And, you know, as Michael

mentioned, we were just

525

00:25:29,836--> 00:25:32,308

trying to balance

526

00:25:32,332--> 00:25:34,908

making the claim form

527

00:25:34,932--> 00:25:37,998

sort of an efficient

and easy thing to fill out.

528

00:25:38,023--> 00:25:40,228

But we understand

that, obviously,

529

00:25:40,252--> 00:25:43,225

every work is different and

so there is an option to be...

530

00:25:43,250--> 00:25:46,445

to submit documentation and

have a more tailored approach,

531

00:25:46,469--> 00:25:48,348

if that's what you wish to do.

532

00:25:48,372--> 00:25:49,372

-Thank you.

533

00:25:49,396--> 00:25:53,428

Thank you very much. Let's go on

to the questions that we've received.

534

00:25:53,452--> 00:25:56,885

Some of them may well have  
been answered by the discussion.

535

00:25:56,910--> 00:26:00,065

How many books  
were on the works list

536

00:26:00,090--> 00:26:02,108

before they were cross-checked

537

00:26:02,132--> 00:26:03,998

for US copyright?

538

00:26:04,023--> 00:26:07,300

And will this list be disclosed?

539

00:26:07,300--> 00:26:11,628

-So, I can... I can  
take this. I asked a...

540

00:26:11,652--> 00:26:16,188

a colleague to help me out with

this, so I'm gonna read what he wrote.

541

00:26:16,212--> 00:26:18,868

We had a colleague... we

had several people working on

542

00:26:18,892--> 00:26:21,300

the works list, but

one in particular

543

00:26:21,300--> 00:26:24,148

who, um,

544

00:26:24,172--> 00:26:28,028

who put in a lot of blood,

sweat, and tears into the process,

545

00:26:28,052--> 00:26:30,300

and so this is how...

this is how he describes

546

00:26:30,300--> 00:26:32,748

the process.

547

00:26:33,949--> 00:26:37,468

It says, while Anthropic downloaded  
a large number of files

548

00:26:37,492--> 00:26:40,508

from LibGen and PiLiMi,

549

00:26:40,532--> 00:26:43,300

which is short for  
Pirate Library Mirror,

550

00:26:43,300--> 00:26:47,300

unfortunately, the matching  
process used to compile the works list

551

00:26:47,300--> 00:26:49,228

means there is no

552

00:26:49,252--> 00:26:52,028

list of books that...

553

00:26:52,052--> 00:26:54,300

that kind of exists

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00:26:54,300--> 00:26:56,548

separate from  
the works list itself.

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00:26:56,572--> 00:26:58,268

And let me kind of explain

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00:26:58,292--> 00:26:59,748

why that is.

557

00:26:59,772--> 00:27:01,068

So...

558

00:27:01,092--> 00:27:03,108

In general, anyone could upload

559

00:27:03,132--> 00:27:07,038

files to the LibGen  
and PiLiMi sites.

560

00:27:07,063--> 00:27:09,628

So there were a

large number of files

561

00:27:09,652--> 00:27:13,245

which were corrupted

or simply were not books.

562

00:27:13,270--> 00:27:15,588

Um, so nonetheless,

563

00:27:15,612--> 00:27:18,300

we aim to be as

comprehensive as possible

564

00:27:18,300--> 00:27:21,228

and took all files

downloaded by Anthropic

565

00:27:21,252--> 00:27:24,300

and attempted to

match those against

566

00:27:24,300--> 00:27:26,588

the U.S. Copyright

Office records,

567

00:27:26,612--> 00:27:28,068

because that's the...

568

00:27:28,092--> 00:27:31,300

the class definition

that the court had said.

569

00:27:31,300--> 00:27:34,468

That cross-check against

the US Copyright Office

570

00:27:34,492--> 00:27:36,998

happens really early

in the matching process.

571

00:27:37,023--> 00:27:41,238

So, if a file downloaded

by Anthropic and LibGen...

572

00:27:41,263--> 00:27:45,148

I'm sorry, downloaded

by Anthropic from LibGen



573

00:27:45,172--> 00:27:47,068

and PiLiMi

574

00:27:47,092--> 00:27:50,300

appeared to match a US

Copyright Office record,

575

00:27:50,300--> 00:27:53,188

then additional

verifications were performed

576

00:27:53,212--> 00:27:55,300

to ensure that that

match was correct.

577

00:27:55,300--> 00:27:57,215

For example,

578

00:27:57,239--> 00:28:00,300

ensuring that the

raw text of the book

579

00:28:00,300--> 00:28:03,948

contained correct  
information matching...

580

00:28:03,972--> 00:28:08,300  
that match the information from  
the copyright office and the book.

581

00:28:08,300--> 00:28:11,188  
We also referred to, um...

582

00:28:11,212--> 00:28:15,228  
book metadata providers to  
help with that matching process.

583

00:28:15,252--> 00:28:17,148  
Um...

584

00:28:17,172--> 00:28:21,828  
However, for files that did not  
match the US Copyright Office at all,

585

00:28:21,852--> 00:28:24,483  
the verification  
process just stopped.

586

00:28:24,507--> 00:28:28,068

So those books, once  
they didn't pass that first test

587

00:28:28,092--> 00:28:32,028

of matching the U.S.  
Copyright Office registrations,

588

00:28:32,052--> 00:28:33,708

um...

589

00:28:33,732--> 00:28:36,828

you know, we didn't do any  
further verifications of those work,

590

00:28:36,852--> 00:28:39,388

because they just didn't  
fall into the class definition.

591

00:28:39,412--> 00:28:42,271

So as a result,  
there's no list of...

592

00:28:42,296--> 00:28:44,508

of, like, unmatched books

593

00:28:44,532--> 00:28:47,148

that was ever assembled

that we can share.

594

00:28:47,172--> 00:28:48,628

Um...

595

00:28:48,652--> 00:28:51,148

And we were not able to

really determine whether any

596

00:28:51,172--> 00:28:53,300

given unmatched

file corresponds to

597

00:28:53,300--> 00:28:55,708

a book, because we just...

598

00:28:55,732--> 00:29:00,596

we didn't do those verifications after

they failed to match the copyright records.

599

00:29:00,621--> 00:29:03,348

-Because that's a question

that's come up quite a lot

600

00:29:03,372--> 00:29:05,332

amongst our membership.

601

00:29:05,357--> 00:29:08,148

Because not all of our, um...

602

00:29:08,172--> 00:29:13,300

authors necessarily registered

the US Copyright Office.

603

00:29:13,300--> 00:29:16,228

So there is this concern that

604

00:29:16,252--> 00:29:19,858

they are missing out because

of the eligibility criteria

605

00:29:19,883--> 00:29:22,668

and that they don't meet  
that eligibility criteria.

606

00:29:22,692--> 00:29:26,948

And the question is whether or not  
that information is available should

607

00:29:26,972--> 00:29:29,971

they want to bring  
proceedings separately

608

00:29:29,996--> 00:29:32,548

in relation to works  
that have been

609

00:29:32,572--> 00:29:35,028

torrented or  
downloaded, but that...

610

00:29:35,052--> 00:29:37,308

that information hasn't

611

00:29:37,332--> 00:29:40,300

become available as a  
consequence of this action.

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00:29:40,300--> 00:29:45,028

-Correct. It's not... it's not  
available in any type of way

613

00:29:45,052--> 00:29:48,300

that... that we could...  
we could publish

614

00:29:48,300--> 00:29:50,948

and make public.

615

00:29:50,972--> 00:29:53,228

One, because, um...

616

00:29:53,252--> 00:29:56,300

We didn't do that work

617

00:29:56,300--> 00:29:59,668

because our goal  
and responsibility

618

00:29:59,692--> 00:30:02,300

after the class

was certified was to...

619

00:30:02,300--> 00:30:04,548

to find out which

books were in the class,

620

00:30:04,572--> 00:30:07,308

and not kind of do any

analysis of what wasn't.

621

00:30:07,332--> 00:30:09,548

Um, and then also...

622

00:30:09,572--> 00:30:11,748

You know, um...

623

00:30:11,772--> 00:30:16,300

the internal records of Anthropropic

may have certain confidentiality

624

00:30:16,300--> 00:30:18,508



Um...

625

00:30:18,532--> 00:30:20,308

aspects that are

tied to the case

626

00:30:20,332--> 00:30:23,300

that would prevent us from

publishing those as well.

627

00:30:23,300--> 00:30:27,148

-And a related

question, then, um...

628

00:30:27,172--> 00:30:30,588

One of our members asked, "are

there similar cases on the horizon

629

00:30:30,612--> 00:30:32,228

with other AI companies?"

630

00:30:32,252--> 00:30:34,108

Well, we know that

there are, and that

631

00:30:34,132--> 00:30:37,508

other actions are  
proceeding in the US.

632

00:30:37,532--> 00:30:41,300

But the question is, how can  
authors best prepare for them?

633

00:30:41,300--> 00:30:46,788

Is this settlement going to  
act as some sort of precedent?

634

00:30:46,812--> 00:30:48,588

Is there a value

635

00:30:48,612--> 00:30:52,108

in authors now registering works

636

00:30:52,132--> 00:30:53,708

at the Copyright Office,

637

00:30:53,732--> 00:30:57,302

not in order to be able to  
participate in this settlement

638

00:30:57,327--> 00:30:59,148

because the class is closed,

639

00:30:59,172--> 00:31:02,300

but if future settlements  
are going to follow,

640

00:31:02,300--> 00:31:04,268

um, similar terms,

641

00:31:04,292--> 00:31:07,336

should registrations  
now be made?

642

00:31:11,300--> 00:31:13,240

-Do you want to  
handle that one, Jallé?

643

00:31:13,265--> 00:31:15,265

-Sure, it's a tough question.

644

00:31:15,289--> 00:31:18,468

I feel like we're in this  
sort of Blackberry era of AI

645

00:31:18,492--> 00:31:22,514

where things are... You know,  
history is being made as we speak.

646

00:31:22,539--> 00:31:26,091

Um, this is the largest  
for us, the largest

647

00:31:26,116--> 00:31:29,708

copyright infringement  
settlement in U.S. History,

648

00:31:29,732--> 00:31:34,548

um, and, um, so  
it's really... early.

649

00:31:34,572--> 00:31:35,991

It's the first one.

650

00:31:36,016--> 00:31:37,428

And so, we...

651

00:31:37,452--> 00:31:38,508

we don't know.

652

00:31:38,532--> 00:31:40,938

As you mentioned, Keith,  
there are other cases.

653

00:31:40,963--> 00:31:44,300

There's cases... there's a  
big case against OpenAI,

654

00:31:44,300--> 00:31:47,468

against Meta and Microsoft.

655

00:31:47,492--> 00:31:50,348

Um... So,

656

00:31:50,372--> 00:31:52,922

we will see, I mean,  
those cases are earlier.

657

00:31:52,947--> 00:31:55,508

The judge in this case

658

00:31:55,532--> 00:31:57,300

moved quickly, as you noted.

659

00:31:57,300--> 00:32:01,268

Um, the other cases

are in discovery.

660

00:32:01,292--> 00:32:05,228

I believe the case against

Meta, there's still, um...

661

00:32:05,252--> 00:32:07,538

We still need to brief

summary judgment.

662

00:32:07,563--> 00:32:10,748

So I think time will tell.

663

00:32:10,772--> 00:32:13,628

I think the best thing that

authors can do around the world

664

00:32:13,652--> 00:32:15,668

is, um, including in the UK,

665

00:32:15,692--> 00:32:17,771

is just monitor those cases.

666

00:32:17,796--> 00:32:20,388

Especially around

class certification.

667

00:32:20,412--> 00:32:22,300

If those classes are certified,

668

00:32:22,300--> 00:32:26,200

we'll want to determine

whether or not you're in the class.

669

00:32:26,225--> 00:32:28,668

Our class included

670

00:32:28,692--> 00:32:32,486

all of the, um, works

671

00:32:32,511--> 00:32:33,948

on the works list,

672

00:32:33,972--> 00:32:37,200

whether or not the author

lived in the US or lived abroad.

673

00:32:37,200--> 00:32:41,200

Other classes could be defined

more broadly or more narrowly.

674

00:32:41,200--> 00:32:46,200

So, um, it's... I would say that the two

things to do are to follow those cases

675

00:32:46,200--> 00:32:49,200

in and around class cert,

if the class is certified,

676

00:32:49,200--> 00:32:51,826

to try to figure out whether

you might be in the class.



677

00:32:51,851--> 00:32:55,200

And of course, in every class  
action in the United States

678

00:32:55,200--> 00:32:59,493

if... if the person, um,  
or author or entity

679

00:32:59,518--> 00:33:03,708

is a potential class member,  
um, there is a duty under rule...

680

00:33:03,732--> 00:33:07,200

Federal Civil Procedure,  
Rule 23 to try to get

681

00:33:07,200--> 00:33:08,948

notice out to that class member.

682

00:33:08,972--> 00:33:11,228

Um, and there's  
different ways in which

683

00:33:11,252--> 00:33:12,978

the court will order a notice.

684

00:33:13,003--> 00:33:15,708

But, um, it's always

good to be, you know,

685

00:33:15,732--> 00:33:18,628

remain educated about the

different cases that are going on,

686

00:33:18,652--> 00:33:22,828

and maybe try to pay attention to where

they are procedurally in the United States.

687

00:33:23,815--> 00:33:27,228

-We'll certainly be doing that

on behalf of our members.

688

00:33:27,252--> 00:33:28,548

Thank you.

689

00:33:28,572--> 00:33:30,913

This is a very good question,  
it's quite a long question,

690

00:33:30,937--> 00:33:32,438

but it's a very  
important question.

691

00:33:32,463--> 00:33:35,788

What are the implications  
of us accepting the

692

00:33:35,812--> 00:33:40,028

extremely small settlement  
that Anthropic are offering?

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00:33:40,052--> 00:33:43,028

The payment is  
presumably a one-off

694

00:33:43,052--> 00:33:45,548

and yet, they are  
continuing to profit

695

00:33:45,572--> 00:33:48,616

based on the material  
that's been stolen.

696

00:33:48,641--> 00:33:51,548

And that will  
continue in perpetuity.

697

00:33:51,572--> 00:33:55,200

If we accept the  
settlement per book,

698

00:33:55,200--> 00:33:58,533

does that mean that we  
are not entitled to sue?

699

00:33:58,558--> 00:34:02,638

Or attempt to sue them  
at some point in the future?

700

00:34:02,663--> 00:34:06,200

So that's a question about  
the scope of the release

701

00:34:06,200--> 00:34:10,200

that is part and parcel of  
the settlement agreement.

702

00:34:10,200--> 00:34:16,108

Eligible authors,  
\$3,000 per work

703

00:34:16,132--> 00:34:18,616

shared between  
the rights holders.

704

00:34:18,641--> 00:34:22,200

But you give up something  
in return, you're releasing

705

00:34:22,200--> 00:34:23,948

your claims.

706

00:34:23,972--> 00:34:28,708

Um, and could you perhaps  
explain how that release

707

00:34:28,732--> 00:34:31,859

will operate, and what

authors are giving up

708

00:34:31,884--> 00:34:33,708

if they opt to

709

00:34:33,732--> 00:34:36,200

benefit from this settlement?

710

00:34:36,200--> 00:34:37,768

-Sure.

711

00:34:37,792--> 00:34:39,160

So...

712

00:34:39,184--> 00:34:44,200

One primary point of the release

713

00:34:44,200--> 00:34:48,200

to raise is that it only

covers past conduct.

714

00:34:48,200--> 00:34:50,788

So, anything that Anthropropic

715

00:34:50,812--> 00:34:53,038

does going forward

716

00:34:53,062--> 00:34:57,388

is fair game for a  
potential lawsuit.

717

00:34:57,412--> 00:34:59,261

Um...

718

00:34:59,285--> 00:35:04,913

Anthropic has represented to  
the court and to plaintiffs that

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00:35:04,938--> 00:35:06,695

none of the books

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00:35:06,719--> 00:35:08,348

that they

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00:35:08,372--> 00:35:13,200

downloaded from these pirate

websites were used to train

722

00:35:13,200--> 00:35:15,359

their commercial models.

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00:35:16,203--> 00:35:17,576

Um...

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00:35:17,600--> 00:35:19,726

What happened was they

725

00:35:19,750--> 00:35:21,477

purchased books...

726

00:35:23,722--> 00:35:25,671

scanned them...

727

00:35:25,695--> 00:35:29,188

and then use those books

for purposes of... of training

728

00:35:29,212--> 00:35:32,200

after they had done



this illegal downloading.

729

00:35:32,200--> 00:35:35,953

And the court deemed

that that was fair use.

730

00:35:35,978--> 00:35:37,398

Um...

731

00:35:37,422--> 00:35:39,145

So...

732

00:35:40,800--> 00:35:44,148

That's one... that's one

thing to keep in mind when...

733

00:35:44,172--> 00:35:47,370

when kind of thinking about

the scope of the release as well.

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00:35:47,395--> 00:35:48,938

Um...

735

00:35:50,772--> 00:35:55,268

One other thing I  
would say about,

736

00:35:55,292--> 00:35:59,108

kind of the scope of  
the release, and um...

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00:35:59,132--> 00:36:02,668

And what your, um...

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00:36:02,692--> 00:36:07,569

what people should  
keep in mind there is that

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00:36:07,594--> 00:36:09,628

with, um...

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00:36:09,652--> 00:36:13,569

Oh, what I was  
gonna say is that

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00:36:13,594--> 00:36:19,028

Anthropic has represented

that they will also delete the

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00:36:19,052--> 00:36:23,388

books that they

illegally pirated

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00:36:23,412--> 00:36:26,786

from PiLiMi and

from LibGen as well

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00:36:26,811--> 00:36:28,640

in connection with the settlement.

745

00:36:29,786--> 00:36:33,308

-Two questions from our

members flow from that.

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00:36:33,332--> 00:36:34,830

Um, one is...

747

00:36:34,855--> 00:36:38,148

might it be better... I don't think

you can perhaps answer this one,

748

00:36:38,172--> 00:36:42,443

but might it be better to see how the  
various AI companies decide to settle

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00:36:42,468--> 00:36:44,825

before returning the paperwork

750

00:36:44,849--> 00:36:49,200

to submit a claim, but  
how long should we wait?

751

00:36:49,200--> 00:36:53,200

Um, I think that's a very difficult  
question for you guys to answer.

752

00:36:53,200--> 00:36:56,200

But in terms of  
how long you wait,

753

00:36:56,200--> 00:36:58,988

uh, well, I think you need to  
keep an eye on the deadline,

754

00:36:59,012--> 00:37:01,815

which is currently

26 March, by which

755

00:37:01,840--> 00:37:03,924

claims need to be submitted.

756

00:37:03,948--> 00:37:06,588

Um, and then there's

the additional deadline

757

00:37:06,612--> 00:37:08,626

for opting out the settlement

758

00:37:08,651--> 00:37:09,695

um,

759

00:37:09,719--> 00:37:13,200

or to object the

settlement on 7 January.

760

00:37:13,200--> 00:37:15,388

And there's a

related question there.

761

00:37:15,412--> 00:37:18,903

Is it possible to object  
to the settlement?

762

00:37:18,928--> 00:37:21,211

Um, because...

763

00:37:21,235--> 00:37:23,548

you're uncomfortable  
with the split

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00:37:23,572--> 00:37:27,200

or you don't think  
the sum per work is

765

00:37:27,200--> 00:37:28,708

high enough.

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00:37:28,732--> 00:37:31,055

Can you object to that

767

00:37:31,079--> 00:37:33,843

without prejudice to your claim?

768

00:37:33,868--> 00:37:36,988

So that if the... if

the settlement is

769

00:37:37,012--> 00:37:39,200

approved, finally, by the court,

770

00:37:39,200--> 00:37:44,200

notwithstanding your objection,

your claim still survives.

771

00:37:44,200--> 00:37:47,708

-Those are great questions, so I

think in regards to the first one,

772

00:37:47,732--> 00:37:49,916

so the deadline's

actually 23 March,

773

00:37:49,941--> 00:37:52,148

uh, not 26, just to be clear.

774

00:37:52,172--> 00:37:54,774

That deadline may shift

775

00:37:54,799--> 00:37:56,535

depending on, um...

776

00:37:56,559--> 00:38:01,200

how things go this month, we may  
need... we may need to push a deadline out.

777

00:38:01,200--> 00:38:04,988

But, uh, I will say that...

778

00:38:05,012--> 00:38:11,200

this is a settlement that has  
been preliminarily approved.

779

00:38:11,200--> 00:38:13,188

Waiting more time,

780

00:38:13,212--> 00:38:16,868

waiting to figure out how  
much other cases settle for



781

00:38:16,892--> 00:38:19,501

is not going to  
affect this settlement.

782

00:38:19,525--> 00:38:23,348

We've settled for \$1.5 billion.

783

00:38:23,372--> 00:38:26,268

We think that is an  
extraordinary settlement

784

00:38:26,292--> 00:38:29,268

for this... for the type  
of legal challenges

785

00:38:29,292--> 00:38:31,428

that we've talked  
about in this case.

786

00:38:31,452--> 00:38:34,308

Um, the, uh...

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00:38:34,332--> 00:38:38,348

the deadline means that  
you have quite a few months.

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00:38:38,372--> 00:38:40,662

You know, you have  
another 4 months or so

789

00:38:40,687--> 00:38:43,200

to decide whether you  
want to submit a claim.

790

00:38:43,200--> 00:38:46,496

So there's no rush if  
you want to think about it.

791

00:38:46,521--> 00:38:48,508

But I would say I wouldn't...

792

00:38:48,532--> 00:38:51,016

I do not think it's a  
good idea to wait

793

00:38:51,041--> 00:38:54,654

to see how other cases do,  
especially because those cases

794

00:38:54,679--> 00:38:56,228

may be lost.

795

00:38:56,252--> 00:38:58,908

You know, this was  
not a guaranteed thing,

796

00:38:58,932--> 00:39:01,588

settling a case or going  
to trial and prevailing.

797

00:39:01,612--> 00:39:03,810

This is litigation.

There's always risk.

798

00:39:03,835--> 00:39:07,748

So, um, and also, those cases  
are against other companies,

799

00:39:07,772--> 00:39:09,200

not Anthropogenic.

800

00:39:09,200--> 00:39:11,508

And so there's no  
additional money

801

00:39:11,532--> 00:39:13,446

that will be coming  
that you should wait for.

802

00:39:13,471--> 00:39:14,588

This is it.

803

00:39:14,612--> 00:39:17,398

And in regards to the \$3,000,

804

00:39:17,422--> 00:39:20,268

you know, the risk is... 0.

805

00:39:20,292--> 00:39:23,663

So, you know, it may not feel

806

00:39:23,688--> 00:39:24,785

like a lot,

807

00:39:24,809--> 00:39:27,588

but given the risks that  
were involved in the case...

808

00:39:27,612--> 00:39:29,200

I mean, at the  
moment that we settled,

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00:39:29,200--> 00:39:32,228

Anthropic had appealed

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00:39:32,252--> 00:39:35,200

the judge's fair use decision.

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00:39:35,200--> 00:39:39,769

The decision that, um, pirating  
the books, taking those stolen books

812

00:39:39,794--> 00:39:40,988

was not fair use.

813

00:39:41,012--> 00:39:43,548

That was going up to the  
Ninth Circuit, our appellate court.

814

00:39:43,572--> 00:39:45,669

So there was risk  
even when we settled,

815

00:39:45,694--> 00:39:47,338

that we were not  
going to get anything

816

00:39:47,363--> 00:39:48,498

in this case.

817

00:39:48,522--> 00:39:51,068

And the judge said  
last week at the hearing,

818

00:39:51,092--> 00:39:53,200

that there was a  
narrow path here.

819

00:39:53,200--> 00:39:56,628

And class counsel, our

firms scored a home run.

820

00:39:56,652--> 00:39:59,850

So I just wanted to

be clear that, um...

821

00:39:59,875--> 00:40:01,188

it may not feel a lot,

822

00:40:01,212--> 00:40:04,490

but there was a lot of legal risk

and nothing is guaranteed in litigation.

823

00:40:04,515--> 00:40:07,068

Um, that being said, if you do...

824

00:40:07,092--> 00:40:09,745

if you do feel like it

wasn't a... it's not enough,

825

00:40:09,770--> 00:40:12,117

you absolutely have the right

826

00:40:12,141--> 00:40:14,200

to let the court know that

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00:40:14,200--> 00:40:16,148

by objecting.

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00:40:16,172--> 00:40:18,268

And as you ask-- as

you mentioned, Keith,

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00:40:18,292--> 00:40:20,894

you can object

to the settlement,

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00:40:20,918--> 00:40:24,200

express your concerns or

issues with the settlement.

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00:40:24,200--> 00:40:26,828

That doesn't mean that you

can't participate in the settlement,

832

00:40:26,852--> 00:40:27,956

you still can.



833

00:40:27,981--> 00:40:30,588

But there is an avenue through  
objecting to the settlement

834

00:40:30,612--> 00:40:33,868

to let the court know how you feel and  
express your opinions about the settlement.

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00:40:33,892--> 00:40:35,200

Um...

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00:40:35,200--> 00:40:39,508

The method by which you  
would not be able to recover at all

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00:40:39,532--> 00:40:42,068

in the settlement is if you  
opt out of the settlement.

838

00:40:42,092--> 00:40:45,348

That means you essentially do not  
want to participate in the settlement.

839

00:40:45,372--> 00:40:48,548

You know, you want to carve  
your own path, take your own road.

840

00:40:48,572--> 00:40:52,358

Again, potentially recovering against  
Anthropic, and that is your right to do so.

841

00:40:52,383--> 00:40:54,988

Um, and that process

842

00:40:55,012--> 00:40:57,200

will be explained also  
in the long-form notice

843

00:40:57,200--> 00:40:59,748

that will go out,  
um, as well as...

844

00:40:59,772--> 00:41:02,351

it's on... it's some information  
about that process is also online

845

00:41:02,376--> 00:41:03,658

on the settlement website.

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00:41:03,683--> 00:41:06,708

You can always reach

out to us, our law firms,

847

00:41:06,732--> 00:41:09,268

as well as the

settlement administrator.

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00:41:09,292--> 00:41:11,668

All of that information,

contact information is available

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00:41:11,692--> 00:41:14,200

on the settlement website

and we'd be happy to talk to you

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00:41:14,200--> 00:41:17,348

further about how to decide

what to do, whether to

851

00:41:17,372--> 00:41:20,348

file a claim, object or opt out.

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00:41:20,372--> 00:41:22,628

Um, we're here to help

and the court has directed us

853

00:41:22,652--> 00:41:25,468

to help all class members,

and we're happy to do so.

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00:41:25,492--> 00:41:27,588

So I hope that

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00:41:27,612--> 00:41:30,943

answers the question, but of course

we're happy to keep talking about that

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00:41:30,968--> 00:41:33,200

after the webinar as well.

857

00:41:33,200--> 00:41:35,268

-Fantastic, much appreciated.

858

00:41:35,292--> 00:41:37,508

We have, uh...

859

00:41:37,532--> 00:41:39,538

a lot of members

who are translators.

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00:41:39,562--> 00:41:43,548

A very good question,

"my translation is listed.

861

00:41:43,572--> 00:41:47,200

What will be my

share of any payment?

862

00:41:47,200--> 00:41:49,868

Just wondering if it comes

down to the author share

863

00:41:49,892--> 00:41:52,788

or it's a three-way

split with the publisher?"

864

00:41:54,153--> 00:41:56,188

So, um...

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00:41:56,212--> 00:42:00,153

There's no way to answer  
that one in the abstract.

866

00:42:00,200--> 00:42:01,671

Um...

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00:42:01,695--> 00:42:04,508

the... the best thing to do is if...

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00:42:04,532--> 00:42:07,748

if you believe that you own

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00:42:07,772--> 00:42:10,068

reproduction rights

870

00:42:10,092--> 00:42:11,708

to the work,

871

00:42:11,732--> 00:42:13,898

to submit a claim,

872

00:42:13,922--> 00:42:16,200

submit any supporting  
documentation

873

00:42:16,200--> 00:42:18,468

and we'll be, you know,

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00:42:18,492--> 00:42:23,200

we'll have lawyers and settlement  
administrators who will... who will

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00:42:23,200--> 00:42:26,428

look at that information  
and try to track

876

00:42:26,452--> 00:42:30,013

what the relevant contracts  
and documentation dictate

877

00:42:30,038--> 00:42:33,644

to make sure that everyone gets  
the rights to which they're entitled.

878

00:42:33,669--> 00:42:36,188

And again, if there  
are any disputes

879

00:42:36,212--> 00:42:39,668

that result from that  
process, we'll have, um...

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00:42:39,692--> 00:42:43,788

a trained attorney  
and special master

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00:42:43,812--> 00:42:47,200

who will be neutral, who can...  
who can resolve those disputes.

882

00:42:47,200--> 00:42:52,200

I wish I had a more clear answer  
that I could just give you,

883

00:42:52,200--> 00:42:55,628

a kind of a one-size-fits-all,  
but it's really going to depend on...



884

00:42:55,652--> 00:42:57,676

on your individual  
documentation.

885

00:42:58,710--> 00:43:02,348

-So the lesson is,  
really, if you qualify,

886

00:43:02,372--> 00:43:06,603

make the claim, and  
then the splits will be

887

00:43:06,628--> 00:43:08,476

sorted out

888

00:43:08,500--> 00:43:10,268

on your side,

889

00:43:10,292--> 00:43:13,200

but the important thing  
is to make that claim.

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00:43:13,200--> 00:43:14,712

-Absolutely.

891

00:43:14,737--> 00:43:18,828

We've had some interesting  
questions about editions as well.

892

00:43:18,852--> 00:43:22,200

The answer may be  
very similar in the...

893

00:43:22,200--> 00:43:25,268

If you... if an  
edition is eligible,

894

00:43:25,292--> 00:43:27,200

you should make a claim.

895

00:43:27,200--> 00:43:28,588

But I'll just read them out.

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00:43:28,612--> 00:43:30,508

"Could a publisher who holds

897

00:43:30,532--> 00:43:34,188

exclusive publishing

rights in an author's works

898

00:43:34,212--> 00:43:37,428

make a claim if the

works included on the list

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00:43:37,452--> 00:43:40,468

are earlier editions

of those works

900

00:43:40,492--> 00:43:42,948

and were published

by a different publisher

901

00:43:42,972--> 00:43:45,077

who doesn't hold

the rights any more?"

902

00:43:48,407--> 00:43:50,028

-Might be able to take that one.

903

00:43:50,052--> 00:43:54,200

So all of the works for  
which claims can be submitted

904

00:43:54,200--> 00:43:56,948  
are on the works list.

905

00:43:56,972--> 00:44:00,200  
And so, if there is  
an earlier edition

906

00:44:00,200--> 00:44:05,200  
or, you know, some sort of  
affiliated type of publication

907

00:44:05,200--> 00:44:09,200  
with that work, but it's  
not on the works list,

908

00:44:09,200--> 00:44:11,856  
that unfortunately means  
it's not part of the settlement.

909

00:44:11,881--> 00:44:13,868  
So my recommendation would be

910

00:44:13,892--> 00:44:17,200

to, um... to visit the  
settlement website.

911

00:44:17,200--> 00:44:21,508

There's descriptions about

912

00:44:21,532--> 00:44:25,836

key dates, there's descriptions about  
common questions that come up with FAQs

913

00:44:25,861--> 00:44:27,910

and there's also the  
works list, and I would

914

00:44:27,935--> 00:44:30,308

search for your titles  
on that... on that list

915

00:44:30,332--> 00:44:32,138

to see whether or not  
you [inaudible] a claim.

916

00:44:32,163--> 00:44:34,085

There was a lot of, as

Michael mentioned earlier,

917

00:44:34,110--> 00:44:36,723

there was a lot of

technical work that went into

918

00:44:36,748--> 00:44:38,468

creating that works list.

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00:44:38,492--> 00:44:40,276

Months and months

and months, and...

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00:44:40,300--> 00:44:42,988

and hundreds of

expert hours, um...

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00:44:43,012--> 00:44:45,628

So it is, uh... final.

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00:44:45,652--> 00:44:47,456

It's not going to change.

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00:44:47,481--> 00:44:48,508

Um...

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00:44:48,532--> 00:44:51,148

But that doesn't  
mean that you can't...

925

00:44:51,172--> 00:44:54,188

for... if you do believe that that  
work may have been pirated

926

00:44:54,212--> 00:44:57,543

and used by Anthropic  
or other AI companies,

927

00:44:57,568--> 00:44:59,188

our lawsuit is not

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00:44:59,212--> 00:45:01,508

and our settlement is  
not going to bar you from

929

00:45:01,532--> 00:45:03,471

bringing claims for those works.

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00:45:03,496--> 00:45:06,068

You can investigate and go about

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00:45:06,092--> 00:45:08,763

trying to potentially

bring a claim on your own.

932

00:45:08,788--> 00:45:12,370

But, the ones that are part of  
this case are on the works list.

933

00:45:13,200--> 00:45:14,771

-Okay, thank you.

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00:45:14,795--> 00:45:18,376

Another interesting  
question from a translator...

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00:45:18,401--> 00:45:22,566

Um, "as a translator, two



translations of mine are listed,

936

00:45:22,591--> 00:45:24,859

but only one under my name.

937

00:45:24,883--> 00:45:27,988

Can I make a claim for the  
one that is my translation,

938

00:45:28,012--> 00:45:31,028

but is only listed  
under the author?"

939

00:45:31,052--> 00:45:33,428

Presumably, if  
you're a translator

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00:45:33,452--> 00:45:36,508

and you are a rights holder, you  
make a claim

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00:45:36,532--> 00:45:38,200

and then it's sorted out

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00:45:38,200--> 00:45:40,200

on your side?

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00:45:40,200--> 00:45:42,668

Correct. Yeah,  
if you believe that

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00:45:42,692--> 00:45:44,108

you're a rights holder

945

00:45:44,132--> 00:45:47,148

and one of the works on the  
works list, please submit a claim.

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00:45:47,172--> 00:45:48,268

-Yeah.

947

00:45:48,292--> 00:45:52,588

-Um, and include whatever  
information you have available.

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00:45:52,612--> 00:45:55,348

You can type it in narratively,

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00:45:55,372--> 00:45:57,508

you can submit  
supporting documentation.

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00:45:57,532--> 00:46:00,068

We're going to review all of  
that carefully, and we're gonna

951

00:46:00,092--> 00:46:03,108

try and make sure  
that everyone gets, um...

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00:46:03,132--> 00:46:05,148

the share that  
they're entitled to.

953

00:46:05,960--> 00:46:08,028

Yes, I just want to echo  
what Michael just said.

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00:46:08,052--> 00:46:09,879

Absolutely submit a claim

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00:46:09,904--> 00:46:11,801

if there's a work  
on the works list

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00:46:11,825--> 00:46:13,834

and you're not listed as  
a potential rights holder,

957

00:46:13,859--> 00:46:15,468

but you believe  
you actually are,

958

00:46:15,492--> 00:46:17,388

please submit a  
claim, identify that work,

959

00:46:17,412--> 00:46:20,548

submit the documentation  
that supports your position.

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00:46:20,572--> 00:46:24,200

If there's any dispute at  
the end of the process,

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00:46:24,200--> 00:46:27,148

Michael mentioned  
earlier a special master.

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00:46:27,172--> 00:46:29,308

What that means is a  
special term that we have

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00:46:29,332--> 00:46:32,200

essentially for a  
neutral mediator.

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00:46:32,200--> 00:46:35,200

It's free of cost to  
all class members.

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00:46:35,200--> 00:46:40,200

So, um, that mediator  
will essentially listen to

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00:46:40,200--> 00:46:43,908

any... and we'll look at all  
the documentation, and we'll

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00:46:43,932--> 00:46:45,778

hear out both sides and  
make a determination

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00:46:45,802--> 00:46:47,200

about what the best outcome is

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00:46:47,200--> 00:46:49,588

for that particular  
work, but, um,

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00:46:49,612--> 00:46:51,428

the moral of the story  
is just, essentially,

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00:46:51,452--> 00:46:54,228

absolutely submit a claim if  
you believe you have a valid right

972

00:46:54,252--> 00:46:56,296

to any of the works  
on the works list.

973

00:46:59,200--> 00:47:01,238

-I'm going to get to  
some additional questions.

974

00:47:01,262--> 00:47:03,531

So, we may have answered them,

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00:47:03,555--> 00:47:04,911

um...

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00:47:04,935--> 00:47:07,508

So forgive me if we have.

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00:47:07,532--> 00:47:11,068

"What if your work was stolen,

978

00:47:11,092--> 00:47:14,200

but not listed on the  
settlement website

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00:47:14,200--> 00:47:17,606

and you haven't been  
given a unique ID?"

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00:47:19,200--> 00:47:22,635

-So, on the unique ID portion,

981

00:47:22,659--> 00:47:27,443

almost no one has

received a unique ID yet.

982

00:47:27,468--> 00:47:29,791

So don't be concerned if

you haven't received that.

983

00:47:29,815--> 00:47:32,708

That will be sent in connection

with the long-form notice

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00:47:32,732--> 00:47:36,200

and the email notice that'll be

sent hopefully later this month.

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00:47:36,200--> 00:47:40,596

Um, in terms of whether...

If you believe that your

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00:47:40,621--> 00:47:44,703

book has been stolen, but it's  
not on the settlement website...

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00:47:44,728--> 00:47:47,748

Uh, on the works list, um...

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00:47:47,772--> 00:47:49,988

The works list is

989

00:47:50,012--> 00:47:53,200

the guide for which  
works fall within the class.

990

00:47:53,200--> 00:47:54,988

If your work is not  
on the works list,

991

00:47:55,012--> 00:47:57,148

that means you're  
not entitled to

992

00:47:57,172--> 00:48:00,200

participate in the

settlement for that work.

993

00:48:00,200--> 00:48:05,148

But you're also not releasing any  
claims you have against Anthropic.

994

00:48:07,267--> 00:48:08,493

-Another question,

995

00:48:08,518--> 00:48:13,410

"how do we submit a claim if our  
book has been published in the US?"

996

00:48:13,920--> 00:48:16,268

Presumably by the same route

997

00:48:16,292--> 00:48:20,068

as you would, ordinarily. You go to  
the Settlement Administrator's website

998

00:48:20,092--> 00:48:22,850

and you follow the instructions.

999

00:48:22,875--> 00:48:26,148

And they have been  
designed specifically so that

1000

00:48:26,172--> 00:48:29,708

it's an easy process  
to make a claim.

1001

00:48:29,732--> 00:48:31,556

You don't need, um...

1002

00:48:31,581--> 00:48:34,548

the help of a lawyer  
or even an agent,

1003

00:48:34,572--> 00:48:36,588

you can... you can do it yourself.

1004

00:48:36,612--> 00:48:38,908

-That's right, you  
can submit a claim

1005

00:48:38,932--> 00:48:41,200

online through the settlement website.

1006

00:48:41,200--> 00:48:43,405

Um, but, um...

1007

00:48:43,429--> 00:48:45,428

And you can do so

now if you believe you

1008

00:48:45,452--> 00:48:48,548

have a work on the works list and

you... and you would like to submit a claim.

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00:48:48,572--> 00:48:50,428

Um, you can also wait.

1010

00:48:50,452--> 00:48:51,988

There's no rush.

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00:48:52,012--> 00:48:56,028

Um, so if you want to wait

until you get direct notice...

1012

00:48:56,052--> 00:48:58,200

As Michael mentioned,  
we're going to be sending--

1013

00:48:58,200--> 00:49:01,383

Some administrators are going to be  
sending a notice by mail and also by email,

1014

00:49:01,408--> 00:49:05,505

if you want to wait until you  
receive that documentation

1015

00:49:05,530--> 00:49:07,348

to make a decision  
about what you want to do,

1016

00:49:07,372--> 00:49:08,527

you can do that as well.

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00:49:08,551--> 00:49:10,441

Um, so, uh...

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00:49:10,465--> 00:49:12,525

as I mentioned  
earlier, at the moment,

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00:49:12,549--> 00:49:17,138

this deadline for submitting a  
claim is not until March 23rd 2026.

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00:49:17,163--> 00:49:20,348

Um, so... feel free  
to take your time,

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00:49:20,372--> 00:49:22,468

feel free to submit  
it now if you'd like to.

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00:49:22,492--> 00:49:24,200

If there are any  
questions that you have

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00:49:24,200--> 00:49:26,618

regarding the process  
and regarding your options,

1024

00:49:26,642--> 00:49:29,930

whether you submit a  
claim, object, or opt out,

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00:49:29,955--> 00:49:32,668

you could absolutely contact  
the settlement administrator

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00:49:32,692--> 00:49:34,648

or you can contact one  
of our law firms as well,

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00:49:34,673--> 00:49:35,838

and we'd be happy to help.

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00:49:35,863--> 00:49:38,148

If you need any help  
submitting the claim form,

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00:49:38,172--> 00:49:39,975

you're also welcome to contact

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00:49:40,000--> 00:49:42,428

the settlement administrator  
or one of our law firms.

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00:49:42,452--> 00:49:45,268

Um, there are staff available to help

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00:49:45,292--> 00:49:48,760

you with filling out the claim  
form, if you have questions.

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00:49:48,785--> 00:49:50,086

Um, if you have...

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00:49:50,110--> 00:49:52,508

if you're an author that's  
published a lot of works,

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00:49:52,532--> 00:49:55,200

and you say, "you know  
what, I don't want to have to

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00:49:55,200--> 00:49:58,428

spend a lot of time submitting  
this claim form for 50 bucks.

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00:49:58,452--> 00:50:00,068

I don't... You know,



I need some help."

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00:50:00,092--> 00:50:03,200

We also have set up a  
process. We call it the bulk...

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00:50:03,200--> 00:50:05,108

the bulk filing process

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00:50:05,132--> 00:50:08,868

where, um, there are individuals  
at the settlement administrator,

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00:50:08,892--> 00:50:10,508

um, J&D,

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00:50:10,532--> 00:50:14,571

which can help you file a  
single claim for all of those works,

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00:50:14,595--> 00:50:18,308

so you don't have to submit  
multiple claims, as well.

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00:50:18,332--> 00:50:20,802

So, if you have any questions  
about that as well, feel free to

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00:50:20,827--> 00:50:23,081

contact the settlement  
administrator or contact us,

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00:50:23,105--> 00:50:25,700

and we'll direct you to the  
right, uh... the right way to do it.

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00:50:25,725--> 00:50:28,508

-So the important thing  
is to make sure that, um,

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00:50:28,532--> 00:50:32,200

the administrator has your  
up-to-date contact details,

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00:50:32,200--> 00:50:35,628

so that they can  
notify you and you can...

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00:50:35,652--> 00:50:37,268

Um, proceed from there.

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00:50:37,292--> 00:50:38,465

Um...

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00:50:38,489--> 00:50:39,948

Another one...

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00:50:39,972--> 00:50:45,200

"What happens to books published  
after the preliminary settlement date?

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00:50:45,200--> 00:50:47,748

It's likely I'm

[inaudible] another...

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00:50:47,772--> 00:50:50,548

cease their nefarious activity."

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00:50:52,200--> 00:50:53,988

-Yeah, I can take that one.

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00:50:54,012--> 00:50:55,668

So, if your...

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00:50:55,692--> 00:50:57,948

book was published after...

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00:50:57,972--> 00:51:00,868

after the settlement date, um...

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00:51:00,892--> 00:51:03,308

it's... it's not going to be

part of this settlement,

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00:51:03,332--> 00:51:05,185

but you're also

not releasing any

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00:51:05,209--> 00:51:08,065

potential claims you may

have against Anthropic.

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00:51:08,089--> 00:51:11,148

So if you believe that

Anthropic has done something

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00:51:11,172--> 00:51:13,348

with one of your works

and you have rights in it,

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00:51:13,372--> 00:51:16,828

um, you can... you can

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00:51:16,852--> 00:51:20,868

investigate those claims,

bring suits on your own, um...

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00:51:20,892--> 00:51:24,228

You know, contact

attorneys to... to

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00:51:24,252--> 00:51:27,828

help you evaluate whether

you have a claim, um...

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00:51:27,852--> 00:51:31,468

But it would not be,

you know, unfortunately,

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00:51:31,492--> 00:51:34,308

it would not be part of this  
case and this settlement.

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00:51:35,763--> 00:51:37,628

-I'll just add a... just to

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00:51:37,652--> 00:51:40,588

make mention briefly about  
the contact information piece,

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00:51:40,612--> 00:51:42,983

we actually have quite a  
bit of contact information

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00:51:43,008--> 00:51:46,200

for all the class numbers,  
but if you do want to submit

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00:51:46,200--> 00:51:49,228

the right mailing  
address and, um,

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00:51:49,252--> 00:51:51,306

email address that

you want us to use,

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00:51:51,331--> 00:51:53,588

you could absolutely contact

the settlement administrator

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00:51:53,612--> 00:51:56,668

or contact one of our law

firms and we will make note of it.

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00:51:57,200--> 00:51:59,028

Terrific, thank you.

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00:51:59,052--> 00:52:00,893

Uh, this is a very

interesting question.

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00:52:00,918--> 00:52:03,628

"Under the settlement,

Anthropic have to delete

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00:52:03,652--> 00:52:06,650

the pirated copies of  
the books they used.

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00:52:06,675--> 00:52:08,628

Do they also have to delete

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00:52:08,652--> 00:52:11,424

any models or AI work product

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00:52:11,449--> 00:52:12,788

that they produced

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00:52:12,812--> 00:52:14,588

using models derived

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00:52:14,612--> 00:52:16,668

from the pirated books?"

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00:52:19,927--> 00:52:22,348

I think the answer  
to that is no,

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00:52:22,372--> 00:52:25,200

because you  
can't unravel it.

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00:52:25,200--> 00:52:26,708

But is that right?

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00:52:26,732--> 00:52:29,200

I mean, they do... I mean,  
they do have to delete

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00:52:29,200--> 00:52:31,313

or destroy the pirated books

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00:52:31,337--> 00:52:34,588

from the general  
library that they created,

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00:52:34,612--> 00:52:37,268

but they don't  
have to extract them

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00:52:37,292--> 00:52:38,990

from Claude, do they?

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00:52:39,015--> 00:52:42,108

-Yeah, so they have  
represented to us that

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00:52:42,132--> 00:52:45,668

the... the books that  
were downloaded

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00:52:45,692--> 00:52:48,788

from these pirated websites  
were not used to train Claude.

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00:52:49,704--> 00:52:53,348

So, they've made that  
representation to us in the court,

1100

00:52:53,372--> 00:52:55,388

so they don't have  
to get rid of their...

1101

00:52:55,412--> 00:52:58,708

um, their cloud models, um...

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00:52:58,732--> 00:53:01,268

because according

to... according to them,

1103

00:53:01,292--> 00:53:03,628

and we have no reason to

believe they're being dishonest

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00:53:03,652--> 00:53:05,930

and it would be quite, um...

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00:53:05,954--> 00:53:08,581

it would be quite a

serious thing to lie to the...

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00:53:08,606--> 00:53:10,216

to the court about this,

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00:53:10,240--> 00:53:13,558

but their representation is that those

books that they illegally downloaded

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00:53:13,582--> 00:53:15,443

were not used in training.

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00:53:15,752--> 00:53:16,752

-Right.

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00:53:16,777--> 00:53:20,200

-Right, and this... and

because the cohort also has

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00:53:20,200--> 00:53:24,748

determined that the training

aspect of the case is fair use,

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00:53:24,772--> 00:53:28,200

this case is really focused

in terms of its relief on

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00:53:28,200--> 00:53:30,388

the piracy issue and

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00:53:30,412--> 00:53:32,268

the fact that Anthropic,

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00:53:32,292--> 00:53:34,688

through the injective relief  
that you just mentioned, Keith,

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00:53:34,712--> 00:53:36,200

they do have to delete

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00:53:36,200--> 00:53:39,348

the pirated versions of the  
works as part of the settlement...

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00:53:40,263--> 00:53:41,643

moving forward.

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00:53:42,200--> 00:53:44,188

-Uh, another question.

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00:53:44,212--> 00:53:45,988

We touched on it already.

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00:53:46,012--> 00:53:49,200

"To what extent do you think",

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00:53:49,200--> 00:53:52,200

and I'll call that addressed  
to you rather than me,

1123

00:53:52,200--> 00:53:55,653

"do you think it would be possible  
for copyright owners to challenge

1124

00:53:55,678--> 00:53:59,308

that using their works  
for training AI systems

1125

00:53:59,332--> 00:54:01,716

in the US is fair use?"

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00:54:01,741--> 00:54:04,628

And it's important to  
remember that that ruling

1127

00:54:04,652--> 00:54:09,200

related to lawfully  
acquired works,

1128

00:54:09,200--> 00:54:11,068

rather than pirated works.

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00:54:11,092--> 00:54:13,748

But I think, Michael, you  
mentioned at the outset

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00:54:13,772--> 00:54:16,200

that that isn't a precedent

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00:54:16,200--> 00:54:18,788

that needs to be followed in

1132

00:54:18,812--> 00:54:22,200

each and every case,  
so it's still up for grabs.

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00:54:22,200--> 00:54:23,948

-Yeah, I think that's a...

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00:54:23,972--> 00:54:25,828

that's a good way  
of looking at it.

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00:54:25,852--> 00:54:30,200

Um, Judge Alsup was  
a district court judge

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00:54:30,200--> 00:54:32,548

and his decisions

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00:54:32,572--> 00:54:37,200

don't govern anything other  
than the case that sits before him.

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00:54:37,200--> 00:54:40,945

Now, if that issue had gone up to  
the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals,

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00:54:40,969--> 00:54:44,603

and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals  
had decided one way or another,

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00:54:44,628--> 00:54:48,131

that ruling would then govern  
all the district court judges

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00:54:48,155--> 00:54:50,200



in the Ninth Circuit  
Court of Appeals.

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00:54:50,200--> 00:54:51,788

And then if this issue

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00:54:51,812--> 00:54:54,795

ever makes its way up to  
the U.S. Supreme Court,

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00:54:54,820--> 00:54:55,908

then that would...

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00:54:55,932--> 00:55:00,158

that determination would govern  
all courts in the United States.

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00:55:00,183--> 00:55:03,188

But Judge Alsup's  
orders, you're correct, were...

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00:55:03,212--> 00:55:05,068

were not, um...

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00:55:05,092--> 00:55:08,108

were not precedential

in that they

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00:55:08,132--> 00:55:12,548

make any type of requirement for any

other type of judge to follow them. Now...

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00:55:12,572--> 00:55:17,308

Um, they can be persuasive,

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00:55:17,332--> 00:55:20,468

and so other judges may

look to that decision and say,

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00:55:20,492--> 00:55:22,696

you know what, I like this

reasoning, and I'm gonna...

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00:55:22,721--> 00:55:25,268

I'm gonna follow it because

I'm deciding to do so,

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00:55:25,292--> 00:55:27,908

but they're not...

they're not required to.

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00:55:31,185--> 00:55:34,526

-[inaudible]

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00:55:34,550--> 00:55:36,828

We've got another

question about editions.

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00:55:36,852--> 00:55:39,148

"If different editions

of the claimed work

1158

00:55:39,172--> 00:55:41,200

have been used

and appear on the list,

1159

00:55:41,200--> 00:55:42,948

say, a German edition,

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00:55:42,972--> 00:55:45,200

as well as an English

language edition,

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00:55:45,200--> 00:55:47,068

that's a single payment

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00:55:47,092--> 00:55:48,958

or more than one payment?

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00:55:48,982--> 00:55:50,668

-It's a great question.

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00:55:50,692--> 00:55:56,200

Um, so each line

item on the works list,

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00:55:56,200--> 00:55:58,668

is a... is a work for which

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00:55:58,692--> 00:56:01,609

a potential right

holder can file a claim.

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00:56:01,634--> 00:56:05,951

So if the English edition is a separate  
line item than the German edition,

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00:56:05,975--> 00:56:09,185

then there are  
two works for which

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00:56:09,209--> 00:56:11,200

that right holder  
can submit a claim.

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00:56:11,200--> 00:56:14,806

If, however, that it... that  
work only has one edition,

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00:56:14,831--> 00:56:16,348

say it's the English version,

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00:56:16,372--> 00:56:20,036

then that is the only work for  
which a claim can be submitted.

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00:56:20,061--> 00:56:21,748

So I hope that...

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00:56:21,772--> 00:56:23,548

I hope that makes sense. Um...

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00:56:23,572--> 00:56:26,668

We understand that there  
might be different editions

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00:56:26,692--> 00:56:28,923

or different translations  
for a particular work,

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00:56:28,948--> 00:56:32,028

but it's only ones that are on the  
works list that are part of the settlement.

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00:56:33,200--> 00:56:34,708

-Perfect, thank you.

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00:56:34,732--> 00:56:35,828

Um...

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00:56:35,852--> 00:56:39,051

Another question. Do  
literary agents have a claim?

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00:56:41,200--> 00:56:43,041

Sorry, what was the  
question? Which agents...?

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00:56:43,066--> 00:56:45,868

-Do literary agents have a claim?

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00:56:45,892--> 00:56:48,745

Um, they're not a rights holder,

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00:56:48,769--> 00:56:51,468

but they can make a  
claim on behalf of their...

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00:56:51,492--> 00:56:53,736

their client, presumably.

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00:56:53,761--> 00:56:57,308

So, um, a couple things. One...

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00:56:57,332--> 00:56:59,228

Um...

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00:56:59,252--> 00:57:01,468

The court recently

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00:57:01,492--> 00:57:04,788

made it clear and

wanted us to make it clear

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00:57:04,812--> 00:57:06,756

to every class member that

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00:57:06,781--> 00:57:10,748

that each rights

holder must sign

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00:57:10,772--> 00:57:14,200

a claim form in their own name.

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00:57:14,200--> 00:57:17,388

Um, so an agent can't

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00:57:17,412--> 00:57:20,348

sign a claim form on  
behalf of someone else.

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00:57:20,372--> 00:57:23,268

It has to be the rights holder.

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00:57:23,292--> 00:57:25,908

Um, secondly, it's...

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00:57:25,932--> 00:57:28,468

it's not an impossibility  
that a literary agent

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00:57:28,492--> 00:57:32,588

could have... could own  
reproduction rights in a work, um...

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00:57:32,612--> 00:57:37,068

So, again, if that's the  
contractual arrangement,

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00:57:37,092--> 00:57:39,200

then that's the

arrangement that we would....

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00:57:39,200--> 00:57:41,188

we would try and respect.

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00:57:41,212--> 00:57:45,428

And if a literary agent

believes that he or she does

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00:57:45,452--> 00:57:47,228

have

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00:57:47,252--> 00:57:51,200

reproduction, or own some of the

reproduction rights as either a legal

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00:57:51,200--> 00:57:54,268

or beneficial owner, then they

should submit a claim, and...

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00:57:54,292--> 00:57:56,988

and just like anyone else, submit

the supporting documentation,

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00:57:57,012--> 00:57:59,708

and we'll make  
sure that it's evaluated.

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00:58:00,763--> 00:58:01,763

-Terrific.

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00:58:01,787--> 00:58:03,508

Um, we've

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00:58:03,532--> 00:58:04,988

covered quite a few questions.

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00:58:05,012--> 00:58:07,148

We've probably got  
time for one more.

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00:58:07,172--> 00:58:08,628

Um...

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00:58:08,652--> 00:58:10,563

I'll read this one, an  
interesting question.

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00:58:10,588--> 00:58:13,407

With regard to US  
copyright registration,

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00:58:13,432--> 00:58:18,200

"the first of a series of 5 of  
my books appears on the list,

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00:58:18,200--> 00:58:20,505

but the following four do not.

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00:58:20,529--> 00:58:24,200

I have separately established  
that the US publisher

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00:58:24,200--> 00:58:27,308

failed to fulfil their  
contractual obligation

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00:58:27,332--> 00:58:30,508

to register these four books  
with the US Copyright Office

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00:58:30,532--> 00:58:32,668

on first publication.

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00:58:32,692--> 00:58:37,200

Can I establish whether or not  
these books were used by Anthropic?

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00:58:37,200--> 00:58:40,816

And if so, that this  
failure by the publisher

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00:58:40,841--> 00:58:44,788

means these titles are  
excluded from the settlement

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00:58:44,812--> 00:58:46,868

to my financial loss."

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00:58:50,200--> 00:58:53,200

-I don't know if you want to take that  
one, since you are talking about that

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00:58:53,200--> 00:58:55,200

issue earlier related  
to the works list.

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00:58:55,200--> 00:58:57,668

Sure. Um...

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00:58:57,692--> 00:59:02,200

So, in terms of  
being able to verify

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00:59:02,200--> 00:59:04,468

whether a book

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00:59:04,492--> 00:59:06,796

that is not on the works list

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00:59:06,821--> 00:59:08,988

is, um...

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00:59:09,012--> 00:59:12,228

was nevertheless  
downloaded by Anthropic

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00:59:12,252--> 00:59:13,788

from one of these  
pirate websites,

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00:59:13,812--> 00:59:17,108

we don't really have a way

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00:59:17,132--> 00:59:19,200

of performing that verification.

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00:59:19,200--> 00:59:23,200

Um, in terms of the  
other question of whether

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00:59:23,200--> 00:59:26,588

a publisher violated

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its contractual obligation

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to timely register a work,

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um... that... that may, um...

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that may be a source

of a legal claim.

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-Yeah.

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Um, you know, we're... we're

obviously not really advising on...

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on the viability of

those claims, but, um...

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But that is something that

you may want to evaluate

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in connection with your...



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your publisher.

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Brilliant. Thank you so much.

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We've run out of

time, we still have

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many questions, but

we've ran out of time,

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and I understand that you've got your

working days stretching ahead of you.

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So I just want to thank you

very much indeed, both of you, for

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sparing the time

to talk with us today.

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It's very much appreciated.

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Thank you.

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-Thank you, Keith.

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-And thank you to

everybody who has

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joined this webinar, I

hope you found it useful.

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-Goodbye, everyone, thank you.

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-Good evening.