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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

ANGIE CRUZ, SEAN ARBABI, ASCALON,
LLC, MARTIN ATKINS, MICHAEL AULT,
JACOB BERNSTEIN, MATT BIRKBECK,
CHARLES BLACKSTONE, WARREN
BOBROW, JIM CAMPBELL, DENNIS
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CIDDI, BRIAN COPELAND, AYA DE
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GOODRICH, RON HALL, MARLA
HELLER, DANIEL JAMES, LYNN
SONBERG BOOK ASSOCIATES, and
VENDELA VIDA,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ANTHROPIC PBC,

Defendant.

Case No. 5:26-cv-04482-SVK

**JOINT STIPULATION AND ~~PROPOSED~~
ORDER TO STAY DEADLINES AND
PROCEEDINGS**

Complaint Filed: May 13, 2026

Judge: Hon. Susan van Keulen

1 Plaintiffs Angie Cruz, Sean Arbabi, Ascalon, LLC, Martin Atkins, Michael Ault, Jacob
 2 Bernstein, Matt Birkbeck, Charles Blackstone, Warren Bobrow, Jim Campbell, Dennis Carstens,
 3 Kerry Chance, Sinan Ciddi, Brian Copeland, Aya de Leon, Carolina De Robertis, Jaquira Diaz, Dave
 4 Eggers, John Ferejohn, Walter Gmelch, Nicole Gonzalez Van Cleve, Michael Goodrich, Ron Hall,
 5 Marla Heller, Daniel James, Lynn Sonberg, Lynn Sonberg Book Associates, and Vendela Vida
 6 (collectively “Plaintiffs”) and Defendant Anthropic PBC (“Anthropic”) through their undersigned
 7 counsel, hereby stipulate and declare as follows:

8 WHEREAS, on May 13, 2026, Plaintiffs filed suit against Anthropic alleging that Anthropic
 9 infringed their copyrighted works to build and train Anthropic’s artificial intelligence large language
 10 models (“LLMs”);

11 WHEREAS, prior to the filing of this case, Plaintiffs’ counsel, on behalf of six other
 12 plaintiffs pursuing copyright infringement and related allegations that are similar to the allegations
 13 in this case, filed another case, *Cambronne Inc., et al. v. Anthropic PBC, et al.*, Case No. 5:25-cv-
 14 10897-PCP (N.D. Cal.), against Anthropic and several other entity-defendants;

15 WHEREAS, Plaintiffs’ counsel has also commenced additional cases on behalf of additional
 16 plaintiffs with allegations similar to the allegations in this case: *Cognella, Inc. v. Anthropic PBC*,
 17 Case No. 3:26-cv-04056-RFL (N.D. Cal.) (complaint filed May 4, 2026); *Chicken Soup for the Soul,*
 18 *LLC v. Anthropic PBC*, Case No. 4:26-cv-04218-HSG (N.D. Cal.) (complaint filed May 7, 2026);
 19 and *Kwon et al. v. Anthropic PBC*, Case No. 3:26-cv-04649-LB (N.D. Cal.) (complaint filed May
 20 15, 2026);

21 WHEREAS, on May 7, 2026, the *Cambronne* plaintiffs filed an Administrative Motion,
 22 pursuant to Local Rule 3-12 and 7-11, seeking to relate the *Cambronne* and *Cognella* actions. *See*
 23 ECF 176, 5:25-cv-10897-PCP (N.D. Cal.). The Administrative Motion remains pending.

24 WHEREAS, in the *Cambronne* action, all remaining Defendants have separately moved for
 25 severance, *see* ECF Nos. 94, 106, 112, 114, 115, 161, and 164, 5:25-cv-10897-PCP (N.D. Cal.), and
 26 a hearing on the motions to sever took place on May 12, 2026;

27 WHEREAS, the parties appeared for a status conference before the Honorable P. Casey Pitts
 28 in the *Cambronne* action on March 24, 2026. At that conference, the parties discussed with Judge

1 Pitts the likelihood of other similar cases being filed (in which Plaintiffs' counsel are involved) and
2 the potential benefits of staying deadlines in those cases pending Judge Pitts' severance ruling in
3 *Cambronne*;

4 WHEREAS, the Parties agree that the statute of limitations on Plaintiffs' claims against
5 Anthropic in the *Cambronne* action shall be tolled for fourteen days after Judge Pitts enters his
6 severance and dismissal order, so that Plaintiffs may refile if necessary against Anthropic alone;

7 WHEREAS, the Parties agree it is reasonable and in the interests of judicial economy to
8 stay all deadlines and proceedings in this matter pending resolution of the various motions to sever
9 that have been filed in the *Cambronne* action, and agree to meet and confer on a schedule to answer
10 the complaint and promptly to submit such a schedule within fourteen days after a severance ruling;

11 WHEREAS, the Parties agree this stipulation does not waive any claim, right, or defense;

12 THEREFORE, the Parties, by and through their respective undersigned counsel, HEREBY
13 STIPULATE AND AGREE, as follows:

14 All deadlines and proceedings in this case are stayed pending Judge Pitts' resolution of the
15 motions to sever in *Cambronne Inc., et al. v. Anthropic PBC, et al.*, Case No. 5:25-cv-10897-PCP
16 (N.D. Cal.);

17 The parties will promptly notify this Court following Judge Pitts' ruling and meet and confer,
18 and absent further order of this Court, the Parties will file a joint statement containing the Parties'
19 proposal or proposals for resuming proceedings in this case, including any amendments to the
20 complaint and Anthropic's deadline to answer, within fourteen days of that ruling.

21 **IT IS SO STIPULATED.**

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2 DATED: June 3, 2026

/s/ Yar R. Chaikovsky

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