

Textbook Fees

Summary

Hit- *Despite complaining that the cost of college is too high, Katie Porter earned thousands of dollars in royalty fees from law school textbooks that she required her own students to purchase for the courses she taught, as she was being paid over \$285,000 per year as a professor to teach two courses a semester.*

Per her 2020 financial disclosure report, Katie Porter disclosed earning as much as \$5,000 in royalty payments on law textbooks.

Two of Katie Porter’s law textbooks increased in price between 2019 and 2022, including one that increased in price by as much as 23%.

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Salary

Porter received \$286,674.00 from the University of California, Irvine in 2017 and taught two courses a semester:

Editor's Note: Katie Porter's personnel file and class documents were received through a FOIA request to the University of California, Irvine. It does not appear that Katie Porter required her reading material to be used by her students between Spring 2012 and Fall 2013.

- Porter received \$286,674.00 from the University of California, Irvine in 2017.

Katherine M Porter	PROF-AY-LAW						
	University of California, 2017	\$216,917.00	\$0.00	\$25,333.00	\$242,250.00	\$44,424.00	\$286,674.00

(Katherine Porter 2017 Salary Info, [Transparent California](#), accessed 06/18/19)

- During the Fall 2017 semester, Porter taught LAW 523, a bankruptcy law course, and LAW 5225, a consumer law course; During the Spring 2017 semester, Porter taught LAW 299, a directed research course, and LAW 5901, transition to practice.

Spring 2017	LAW 5901	Transition to Practice	PORTER K.
Spring 2017	LAW 299	DIRECTED RESEARCH	PORTER K.
Fall 2017	LAW 523	Bankruptcy Law	PORTER K.
Fall 2017	LAW 5225	Consumer Law	PORTER K.
Spring 2018	LAW 5110	Secured Transactions	PORTER K.

(Katie Porter Course List, PRA3860-01-006, University Of California Irvine, Received 6/11/19)

Royalty Fees

Between 2016 and 2017, Katie Porter earned as much as \$13,795 in royalty fees from her academic books:

Editor's Note: There is a discrepancy of at least \$5,295 between what she disclosed as earned income from Wolters Kluwer and what she disclosed as unearned income from Wolters Kluwer. It is unclear why there is a discrepancy between the two disclosed amounts. There also is a discrepancy between what she disclosed in salary and what she was actually paid.

- In 2017, Katie Porter earned \$7,795 in publishing royalties from Wolters Kluwer.

SCHEDULE C: EARNED INCOME

Source	Type	Amount Current Year to Filing	Amount Preceding Year
CCH Incorporated dba Wolters Kluwer	Publishing Royalties	N/A	\$7,795.00
University of California Irvine	Salary	N/A	\$228,198.00

(Clerk Of The House Of Representatives, [Katie Porter Financial Disclosure Report](#), 05/15/19)

- According to her financial disclosure, the royalty payments from Wolters Kluwer were for two academic law textbooks.

Royalty payments on law textbooks [IP]	Undetermined	Royalties to book author	Not Applicable	\$1,001 - \$2,500
DESCRIPTION: Royalty payments from Wolters Kluwer on two academic law textbooks.				

(Clerk Of The House Of Representatives, [Katie Porter Financial Disclosure Report](#), 05/15/19)

- In 2017, Katie Porter earned between \$1-200 in royalties from Stanford University Press for an academic book she authored.

Royalty payments from Stanford University Press [IP]	Undetermined	Royalties to book author	Not Applicable	\$1 - \$200
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DESCRIPTION: Royalty payment from Stanford Press on academic book authored.

(Clerk Of The House Of Representatives, [Katie Porter Financial Disclosure Report](#), 05/15/19)

- In 2016, Katie porter earned between \$2,501-\$5,000 in royalties from her law textbooks.

Royalty payments on law textbooks	Undetermined	Royalties to book author	\$1,001 - \$2,500	\$2,501 - \$5,000
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(Clerk Of The House Of Representatives, [Katie Porter Financial Disclosure Report](#), 05/15/17)

- In 2016, Katie Porter earned between \$201-\$1,000 in royalties from the Stanford University Press for a book she authored.

Royalty payments from Stanford University Press	Undetermined	Royalty on authored book	None	\$201 - \$1,000
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(Clerk Of The House Of Representatives, [Katie Porter Financial Disclosure Report](#), 05/15/17)

- **Editor's Note:** Porter did not disclose the exact amount she earned from royalties in 2016. She only disclosed amounts in ranges.

Per her 2020 financial disclosure report, Katie Porter disclosed earning as much as \$5,000 in royalty payments on law textbooks:

- Katie Porter disclosed earning as much as \$5,000 in royalty payments on law textbooks.

Royalty payments on law textbooks [IP]	Undetermined	Royalties to book author	\$2,501 - \$5,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
DESCRIPTION: Royalty payments from Wolters Kluwer on two academic law textbooks				

(Clerk Of The House Of Representatives, [Katie Porter 2020 Annual Financial Disclosure Report](#), 08/04/21)

Textbook: Pricing

Katie Porter's textbook, The Law of Debtors and Creditors: Text, Cases, and Problems, cost \$267 in 2019 and increased to \$298 as of 2022 which represents a nearly 12% increase:

Editor's Note: $11.61\% = ((298-267)/(267)) \times 100$

- The Law of Debtors and Creditors: Text, Cases, and Problems by Elizabeth Warren, Jay Lawrence Westbrook, Katie Porter and John Pollow cost \$267.



(Katie Porter, “The Law of Debtors and Creditors: Text, Cases, and Problems, Seventh Edition,” Wolters Kluwer, [ISBN: 9781454822387](https://www.wolterskluwer.com/products/9781454822387), accessed 06/17/19)

- As of May 2022, the textbook price increased to \$298.

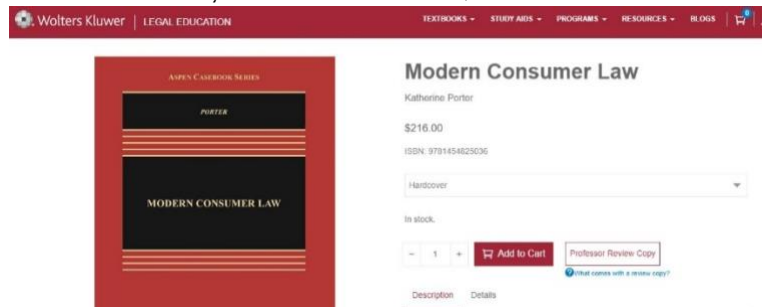


(Katie Porter, “The Law of Debtors and Creditors: Text, Cases, and Problems, Seventh Edition,” Wolters Kluwer, [ISBN: 9781454822387](https://www.wolterskluwer.com/products/9781454822387), accessed 05/11/22)

Katie Porter’s textbook, The Modern Consumer Law, the cost increased from \$216 in 2019 to \$266 in 2022 which represents a 23% increase:

Editor’s Note: $23.15\% = ((266-216)/(216)) \times 100$

- The Modern Consumer Law by Katie Porter cost \$216.



(Katie Porter, “Modern Consumer Law,” Wolters Kluwer, [ISBN: 9781454825036](https://www.wolterskluwer.com/products/9781454825036), accessed 06/17/19)

- As of May 2022, the textbook price increased to \$266.



(Katie Porter, "Modern Consumer Law," Wolters Kluwer, [ISBN: 9781454825036](https://www.wolterskluwer.com/en/nr/9781454825036), accessed 05/11/22)

Katie Porter’s academic book, Broke, cost \$28:

- **Broke: How Debt Bankrupts the Middle-Class by Katie Porter cost \$28.00 through Stanford University Press.**



(Katie Porter, "Broke: How Debt Bankrupts the Middle-Class," [Stanford University Press](https://www.stanfordupress.edu/book/114444), accessed 06/17/19)

- **Broke: How Debt Bankrupts the Middle Class is about data from the 2007 Consumer Bankruptcy Project.** "Authored by experts in several disciplines, including economics, law, political science, psychology and sociology, Broke presents analyses from an original, proprietary data set of unprecedented scope and detail." (Katie Porter, "Broke: How Debt Bankrupts the Middle-Class," [Stanford University Press](https://www.stanfordupress.edu/book/114444), accessed 06/17/19)

Required Her Own Textbooks

The Law of Debtors and Creditors: Text, Cases, and Problems was required material for Katie Porter’s Bankruptcy LAW 523 class in Fall 2017:

Editor’s Note: *Katie Porter required students purchase the revised 7th addition.*

- **Katie Porter taught LAW 523 in fall 2017.** "This is the foundational course for the study of Bankruptcy Code and the legal regulation of debtor-creditor relationships." (Katie Porter LAW 523 Syllabus, PRA3860-01-007, University Of California Irvine, Received 6/11/19)
- **According to Katie Porter’s syllabus, her law textbook, the Law Of Debtors and Creditors: Text, Cases, and Problems, was required material for the course.**

Syllabus for Bankruptcy Law
LAW 523
Fall 2017

Instructor: Professor Katherine Porter
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Faculty Assistant: Veronika Przybyl
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Office Hours: Wednesdays 2:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.
Appointments preferred. Schedule by email to Veronika

Course Description:

This is the foundational course for the study of the Bankruptcy Code and the legal regulation of debtor-creditor relationships. The course will cover consumer and business bankruptcy in depth, as well as give an introduction to state law collection. Significant time is spent on both liquidation and reorganization (chapters 7, 11, and 13). Bankruptcy is useful for students pursuing a wide range of practice, ranging from legal services to public company work. Taught using the problem method, the class will improve students' skills at interpreting statutes, applying law to complex factual situations, and counseling clients.

Class Meetings: Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:10 p.m. to 2:40 p.m. in EDU 1111

At this time, no classes are confirmed to be cancelled but it is likely that I will have to cancel on Wednesday October 4th. Three classes may be cancelled without makeup per ABA rules. If another cancellation occurs, a make up class will be scheduled.

Required Course Materials:

- 1) The Law of Debtors and Creditors by Elizabeth Warren, Jay Lawrence Westbrook, Katherine Porter, & John Pottow (7th ed. Wolters Kluwer, 2014)
Prior editions/versions will not work as the book was fully revised for the 7th edition
- 2) 2017 Bankruptcy and Article 9 Statutory Supplement Elizabeth Warren (Wolters Kluwer, 2017)

Accommodating Disabilities:

Student disabilities are accommodated in accordance with University policy. Please contact the Dean of Students office to make any requests regarding accommodations to preserve anonymity, particularly with respect to the exam.

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(Katie Porter LAW 523 Syllabus, PRA3860-01-007, University Of California Irvine, Received 6/11/19)

- **Editor's Note:** *Porter was co-author of Law Of Debtors and Creditors.*

The Modern Consumer Law was required reading material for Katie Porter's Consumer Law 5225 class in Fall 2017:

- **Katie Porter taught LAW 5225 which examined consumer law.** "This course will examine consumer law from regulatory, enforcement, and policy making perspectives." (Katie Porter LAW 5225 Syllabus, PRA3860-01-007, University Of California Irvine, Received 6/11/19)
- **According to Katie Porter's syllabus, her law textbook, The Modern Consumer Law, was required material for the course.**

Syllabus for Consumer Law
LAW 5225
Fall 2017

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Office Hours: Wednesdays 2:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.
Appointments preferred. Schedule by email to Veronica

Course Description

This course will examine consumer law from regulatory, enforcement, and policy making perspectives. Major topics include consumer credit laws, the unfair and deceptive practice acts, and warranty and advertising laws. This class will not be exclusively about "consumer protection" but instead will consider consumer law from multiple viewpoints, including those of businesses that are regulated by consumer law and those of policymakers who are charged with protecting the public interest in a fair marketplace. We will spend considerable time on recent and upcoming changes in the consumer law landscape such as the balance of power between the federal and state governments, the creation of a Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and business innovations that are presenting new consumer law challenges.

Class Meetings: Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:25 a.m. to 11:55 a.m. in LAW 5600

At this time, no classes confirmed to be cancelled but it is likely that class on Wednesday October 4 will not be held. These classes may be cancelled without makeup per ABA rules. If another cancellation occurs, a make-up class will be scheduled.

Course Materials

The texts for this course are:
1. *Modern Consumer Law*, Katherine Porter (Wolters Kluwer, 2016).
2. 2016 *Statutory Supplement* (available for free download from the course page).

Accommodating Disabilities

Student disabilities are accommodated in accordance with University policy. Please contact the Dean of Students office to make any requests regarding accommodations to preserve anonymity, particularly with respect to the exam.

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(Katie Porter LAW 5225 Syllabus, PRA3860-01-007, University Of California Irvine, Received 6/11/19)

The Modern Consumer Law was required reading material for an online class taught in Summer 2017 at The University of California, Irvine by Katie Porter:

Editor's Note: *It appears that Katie Porter did not charge students for this textbook at the time.*

- According to a Course Syllabus for a Consumer Law class taught by Katie Porter from the Summer of 2017, Modern Consumer Law was required material.

	Materials
Required Materials	<i>Modern Consumer Law</i> , 1 st ed. (Wolters Kluwer/Aspen 2016) Statutory Supplement to <i>Modern Consumer Law</i> (no charge; posted to course website for download).

(Consumer Law, [Course Syllabus](#), University Of California Irvine, accessed 06/17/19)

According to her syllabus, Katie Porter taught Law 523 and required students to purchase her textbook in 2016:

Editor's Note: *Katie Porter required students purchase the revised 7th addition.*

- Katie Porter taught LAW 523 in the Spring of 2016. "This is the foundational course for the study of Bankruptcy Code and the legal regulation of debtor-creditor relationships." (Katie Porter LAW 523 Syllabus, PRA2869-01-005, University Of California Irvine, Received 6/11/19)
- Katie Porter's law textbook, the *Law Of Debtors and Creditors: Text, Cases, and Problems*, was required material for the course.

Bankruptcy Law
LAW 523
Spring 2016

Course Syllabus

Instructor: Professor Katherine Porter
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Office Hours: Tuesdays, 3-4pm

Course Description

This is the foundational course for the study of the Bankruptcy Code and the legal regulation of debtor-creditor relationships. The course will cover consumer and business bankruptcy in depth, as well as give an introduction to state law collection. Significant time is spent on both liquidation and reorganization (chapters 7, 11, and 13). Bankruptcy is useful for students pursuing a wide range of practice, ranging from legal services to public company work. Taught using the problem method, the class will improve students' skills at interpreting statutes, applying law to complex factual situations, and counseling clients.

Class Meetings

This class meets twice a week during the Spring semester.

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 8:15-10:15 AM in MPAA 408

Course Materials

The text for this course are:

- 1) *The Law of Debtors and Creditors* by Elizabeth Warren, Jay Lawrence Westbrook, Katherine Porter, John Pottow (7th ed. Aspen, 2014)
You must have the 7th edition, as the book was completely revised from the 6th edition.

(Katie Porter LAW 523 Syllabus, PRA2869-01-005, University Of California Irvine, Received 6/11/19)

According to her syllabus, Katie Porter taught Law 523 and required students to purchase her textbook in 2015:

- **Katie Porter taught LAW 523 in the Spring of 2015.** “This is the foundational course for the study of Bankruptcy Code and the legal regulation of debtor-creditor relationships.” (Katie Porter LAW 523 Syllabus, PRA2869-01-005, University Of California Irvine, Received 6/11/19)
- **Katie Porter’s law textbook, the Law Of Debtors and Creditors: Text, Cases, and Problems, was required material for the course.**

Bankruptcy Law
LAW 523
Spring 2015

Course Syllabus

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Faculty Assistant: Erther Song
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Office Hours: Thursdays, 3-4pm

Course Description

This is the foundational course for the study of the Bankruptcy Code and the legal regulation of debtor-creditor relationships. The course will cover both consumer and business bankruptcy and a modest introduction to state law collection issues. Significant time is spent on both liquidation and reorganization (chapters 7, 11, and 13). Bankruptcy is very useful for students pursuing a wide range of practice, ranging from legal services to large-scale mergers work. Taught using the problem-based method, the class will improve students' skills at statutory interpretation, application of law to complex factual situations, and counseling abilities.

Class Meetings

This class meets twice a week during the Spring semester.

Wednesdays: 9:55-11:55 AM in MPAA 408
Fridays: 9:55-11:55 AM in MPAA 408 (except for April 10 in LAW 4850J)

Course Materials

The text for this course are:

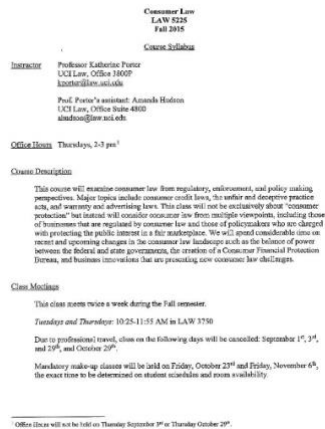
- 1) *The Law of Debtors and Creditors* by Elizabeth Warren, Jay Lawrence Westbrook, Katherine Porter, John Pottow (7th ed. Aspen, 2014)
You must have the 7th edition, as the book was completely revised from the 6th edition.

(Katie Porter LAW 523 Syllabus, PRA2869-01-005, University Of California Irvine, Received 6/11/19)

According to her syllabus, Katie Porter taught Law 5225 and required students to use her textbook in 2015:

Editor's Note: It appears that Katie Porter did not charge her students at the time for this textbook in 2015.

- Katie Porter taught LAW 5225 which examined consumer law. “This course will examine consumer law from regulatory, enforcement, and policy making perspectives.” (Katie Porter LAW 5225 Syllabus, PRA2869-01-005, University Of California Irvine, Received 6/11/19)
- Katie Porter taught LAW 5225 in Fall of 2015.



(Katie Porter LAW 5225 Syllabus, PRA2869-01-005, University Of California Irvine, Received 6/11/19)

- The Modern Consumer Law was required material.

Course Materials

Materials are draft pages from my forthcoming book, Consumer Law (Wolters Kluwer, 2016). There will be no charge for these materials. Pages will be posted to the course webpage. You are responsible for downloading or printing (the latter is recommended).

(Katie Porter LAW 5225 Syllabus, PRA2869-01-005, University Of California Irvine, Received 6/11/19)

According to her syllabus, Katie Porter taught Law 5225 and required students to purchase her book in 2011, and she was paid over \$100,000 a year:

- Porter received \$108,820.42 from the University of California, Irvine in 2011.

PORTER, KATHERINE M	PROFESSOR-LAW SCHOOL SCALE University of California, 2011	\$88,825.02	\$0.00	\$19,995.40	\$108,820.42	Not provided	\$108,820.42
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(Katherine Porter 2011 Salary Info, [Transparent California](#), accessed 06/18/19)

- Katie Porter taught LAW 5235 which was a consumer bankruptcy seminar.

Fall 2011	LAW 5235	Consumer Bankruptcy Seminar	PORTER K.
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(Katie Porter Course List, PRA3860-01-006, University Of California Irvine, Received 6/11/19)

- Katie Porter's book, Broke: How Debt Bankrupts The Middle Class, was required material.

Consumer Bankruptcy Seminar
UCI Law 5235
Fall 2011

Syllabus of Readings

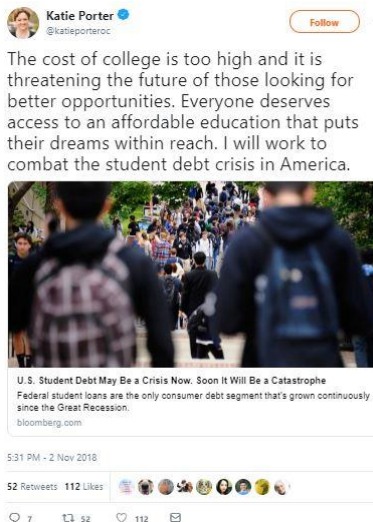
Week	Date	Readings
Week 1	08/25	Driven by Debt: Bankruptcy and Financial Failure in American Families Chapter 1 in <i>Brook: How Debt Bankrupts the Middle Class</i> Katherine Porter <i>FINANCING THE AMERICAN DREAM: A CULTURAL HISTORY OF LONG-TERM CREDIT</i> Lendol Calder Effects of the Financial Crisis and Great Recession on American Households Michael Hurd and Susan Rohwedder
Week 2	09/01	A Vulnerable Middle Class: Bankruptcy and Class Status Chapter 2 in <i>BROOK: HOW DEBT BANKRUPTS THE MIDDLE CLASS</i> Elizabeth Warren & Deborah Thorne 2007 Consumer Bankruptcy Project Methodology Appendix in <i>BROOK: HOW DEBT BANKRUPTS THE MIDDLE CLASS</i> Less Stigma or More Financial Distress: An Empirical Analysis of the Extraordinary Increase in the Bankruptcy Filings Teresa Sullivan, Elizabeth Warren & Jay Lawrence Westbrook Bankrupt Children Elizabeth Warren
Week 3	09/08	Out of Balance? Financial Distress in U.S. Households Chapter 3 in <i>BROOK: HOW DEBT BANKRUPTS THE MIDDLE CLASS</i> Brian Bucks Financially Fragile Households: Evidence and Implications Annamaria Lusardi, Danilo J. Schialdor & Peter Tufano Building a Better America—One Wealth Quintile at a Time Michael Norton and Dan Ariely
Week 4	09/15	Home Burdens: The High Costs of Homeownership Chapter 4 in <i>BROOK: HOW DEBT BANKRUPTS THE MIDDLE CLASS</i> Jerry Anthony

(Katie Porter LAW 5235 Syllabus, PRA3860-01-007, University Of California Irvine, Received 6/11/19)

College Affordability

Katie Porter has complained that the cost of college is too high:

- In November of 2018, Katie Porter said the cost of college is threatening the future of those looking for better opportunities.





(Katie Porter Twitter Feed, 11/2/18)

- Katie Porter ran on making college affordable so students graduate debt free.



(Positions, Education, [Katie Porter For Congress](#), accessed 06/18/19)

Porter supported a debt-free college education:

- **Porter supported a debt-free college education.** “Porter, a former law student of Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), is running in Orange County, traditionally a deep red bloc in a sea of blue. And she’s doing it as an unabashed supporter of single-payer healthcare, expanded social security, tough banking rules, and ensuring a debt-free college education.” (Daniel Marans, “An Elizabeth Warren Protégé is Defying The Odds In The Cradle Of California Conservatism,” [The HuffPost](#), 12/31/18)