IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR INDIAN RIVER, MARTIN, OKEECHOBEE, AND ST. LUCIE COUNTIES,
STATE OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2025-10

IN RE: USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN COURT FILINGS

WHEREAS, the Court recognizes the increasing use of artificial intelligence (AI) technology in the drafting of legal documents, including pleadings, motions, briefs, and other filings;

WHEREAS, such use raises important concerns including, but not limited to, candor to the tribunal, diligence, and compliance with Rules of Procedure and the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar;

WHEREAS, an attorney may ethically utilize AI technologies only to the extent the lawyer can reasonably guarantee compliance with the lawyer's ethical obligations; attorneys must comply with Florida law and the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, including *In re: Amendments to Rules Regulating The Florida Bar – Chapter 4*, No. SC2024-0032 (Aug. 29, 2024), and Florida Bar Ethics Opinion 24-1 (Jan. 19, 2024), which emphasize that lawyers remain fully responsible for their work product and professional judgment.

WHEREAS, pro se litigants are required to follow the same procedural rules as attorneys who are qualified to practice law and must be prepared to accept the consequences of any procedural mistakes or legal errors in their self-representation. Pro se litigants who use AI technology must be aware of the technology's ability to generate outputs containing fictitious and unfounded legal arguments and/or citations to legal authority and must ensure that neither unsupported argument nor fictitious legal citations do not appear in any court filing.

WHEREAS, all information generated by AI systems must have appropriate human oversight, to include checking citations, verifying factual claims, and critically analyzing conclusions and recommendations provided by AI tools.

WHEREAS, the Court has inherent authority to regulate filings and impose sanctions for misconduct;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned Chief Judge under Rule 2.215 and Rule 2.535, Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration, it is hereby

ORDERED as follows:

1. Disclosure Requirement

Any filing drafted in whole or in part with the assistance of AI technology must contain a clear disclosure on the face of the document specifying AI technology was used (e.g., drafting, editing, citing, cite-checking).[1]

2. Certification Requirement

Each such filing must also include a certification that the attorney of record (or pro se litigant) has personally reviewed the filing and verified the accuracy of all factual statements, legal arguments, and case citations in substantial conformity with Exhibit A attached hereto.

3. Responsibility of Counsel

Attorneys remain fully responsible for their work product and must comply with all obligations under the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, including but not limited to Rule 4-1.1 (Competence), Rule 4-1.6 (Confidentiality), Rule 4-3.3 (Candor to Tribunal), Rule 4-5.1 (Supervision), and Rule 4-5.3 (Nonlawyer Supervision).

4. Sanctions for Non-Compliance

Failure to comply with this Order, including failure to disclose or certify, or the submission of AI-generated false or misleading content, may result in sanctions, including but not limited to:

- striking pleadings, filings, or dismissing actions;
- monetary fines;
- imposition of attorneys' fees and costs;
- contempt sanctions;
- mandatory continuing legal education in ethics or technology;
- referral to The Florida Bar for disciplinary proceedings.

The determination of appropriate sanctions shall be within the discretion of the presiding judge, based on the circumstances of each case.

5. Application to Pro Se Litigants

This Order applies equally to pro se litigants.

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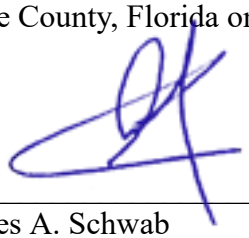
[1] Sample disclosure language: [TITLE OF DOCUMENT TO BE FILED] ("AI was used in the preparation and/or generation of this document.)"

6. Effective Date

This administrative order is effective on December 17th, 2025.

DONE AND ORDERED in at Ft. Pierce, St. Lucie County, Florida on 17th day of December 2025.



Charles A. Schwab
Chief Judge

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EXHIBIT A

CERTIFICATION AS TO USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

I hereby certify that I am the attorney of record or pro se party in this matter. I have personally prepared or reviewed this filing, and I verify that:

1. I have disclosed on the face of this filing whether any portion of the document was drafted, edited, or otherwise produced with the assistance of generative artificial intelligence ("AI") technology.
2. I have personally reviewed and verified the accuracy of all legal citations, factual assertions, and arguments contained herein.
3. I understand that attorneys and parties remain fully responsible for their filings under the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, the applicable Florida Rules of Procedure, and this Court's Administrative Orders.
4. I acknowledge that failure to comply with these requirements may result in sanctions, including but not limited to striking of pleadings, filings, monetary fines, contempt, an imposition of attorneys' fees, mandatory continuing legal education, or referral to The Florida Bar.

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Pro Se

Attorney for the
Petitioner/Respondent

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