

AI Local Rule

Local Rule 62 - Use of Artificial Intelligence in Court Submissions

(A) Purpose and Scope

This rule is established to govern the use of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies by attorneys and/or parties in the preparation and submission of materials to the Clermont County Municipal Court. It aims to ensure the ethical use of AI and maintain the integrity and efficiency of the Court process.

(B) Definitions

- (1) Artificial Intelligence (AI): Any technology that uses machine learning, natural language processing, or any other computational mechanism to simulate human intelligence, including document generation, evidence creation or analysis, and legal research.
- (2) AI-Assisted Material: Any document or evidence prepared with the assistance of AI technologies.

(C) Disclosure of AI Assistance

Attorneys and/or parties must disclose the use of AI in the creation or editing of any document or evidence submitted to the Court. Such disclosure should include a general description of the AI technology used and its role in the preparation of the materials. The disclosure must be made at the time of submission through a certification attached to the document or evidence, indicating the type of AI used and certifying the attorney's and/or party's final review and approval of the AI-assisted material contained in the document or evidence.

(D) Responsibility and Review

- (1) Attorneys and/or parties remain ultimately responsible for the accuracy, relevance, and appropriateness of AI-assisted materials submitted to the Court. Attorneys and/or parties must thoroughly review all AI-assisted materials to ensure they meet all legal and ethical standards, and that the AI-Assisted Materials accurately reflect the legal arguments being presented to the Court and do not contain any false statements of the law or evidence. Use of AI does not absolve attorneys from their duty of competence, diligence, and supervision as required under the Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct.

(2) If the Court suspects that a document, item, or evidence that was submitted to the Court is AI-Assisted Material and the filing does not contain a certification as described in (C) *supra*, or if the AI-Assisted Material does contain a certification as described in (C) but the Court suspects that the attorney and/or party submitting the document, item, or evidence has not complied with the review requirement as described in (D)(1), the Court, in its discretion, may make inquiries to the submitting party about the document, item, or evidence prior to ruling on or considering the filing. These inquiries may include, but are not limited to, asking the attorney and/or party to summarize their positions or arguments in the filing, asking the attorney and/or party to produce evidence or law referenced in the filing, or asking the attorney and/or party about their process in producing the document, item, or evidence.

(E) Sanctions

If the Court finds an attorney and/or party has violated this rule, he or she may subject to sanctions. Sanctions may include the Court striking or disregarding all or a portion of the filing, or sanctions listed in Civil Rule 11 or Civil Rule 37.