

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

STANDING ORDER REGARDING THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN COURTROOM C-204

In order to ensure transparency, accountability, and the fair administration of justice, all attorneys and self-represented litigants appearing in courtroom C-204 shall comply with this order governing the use of artificial intelligence.

1. **DEFINITION:** Artificial Intelligence or “AI” is any technology that simulates human intelligence or performs tasks that are commonly associated with the intellectual process characteristic of humans such as the ability to reason. This includes any technology or systems that generate text, recommendations, predictions, or decisions. Not included in this definition is the use of “spell check,” “Grammarly grammar checker,” or similar technology.

2. **RESPONSIBILITIES:** All attorneys and self-represented litigants using AI to draft any papers filed with the Court shall disclose such use by including the following language, in all capital letters, on the bottom margin of the first page, “AI USED TO DRAFT THIS DOCUMENT”. The use of AI does not relieve any party of their ethical and legal obligations. All attorneys and self-represented litigants are fully responsible for the accuracy of the filing’s content and the ethical compliance of all filings and representations.

3. **PROHIBITED USES:** The following uses of AI are prohibited in proceedings before this Court:

a. Any AI-generated legal citations, case summaries, holdings, or arguments, that are fabricated, hallucinated, or otherwise not verified by the submitting party.

b. AI applications that compromise sensitive information, such as confidential communications, personal identifying information (PII), protected health information (PHI), justice and public safety data, and security related information.

c. The use of AI to generate or alter evidence or make presentations to the Court without proper disclosure and prior judicial approval.

4. **VIOLATIONS:** Any violation of this order may result in the imposition of sanctions against the offending party.

Entered this 30th day of May 2025.

ENTERED:

/s/Luis A. Berrones

Judge