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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2024-23  
22<sup>ND</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
MCHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**(Artificial Intelligence Policy and Plan)**

**WHEREAS**, Artificial Intelligence (“AI”) has existed in various forms over the last half century or so.

**WHEREAS**, over the last couple of years, AI has come into the spotlight of the world with advances in generative artificial intelligence capturing attention and luring folks into environments in which they can expeditiously and economically tap databases to help with various things.

**WHEREAS**, as in other sectors, the legal community has had to deal with AI to the best of its ability, in that participants engage AI at different levels, ranging from those who create algorithms to drive AI, to those who simply realize AI is impacting a situation in which they find themselves.

**WHEREAS**, what has become important is that we deal with AI. *First*, we need to learn what AI is and what is involved with it. *Next*, we need to learn how to manage the AI which is being used in the environments in which we find ourselves. *Lastly*, we need to address AI.

**WHEREAS**, in addressing AI, we need to arrive at rules which govern the use of AI where we are responsible for the forum, as a judge is with his or her courtroom and assignment. As such, judges should consider standing order provisions to address AI.

**WHEREAS**, caution should be used in developing rules, in that AI is in the community and being used. AI also provides access to justice which is important in helping people engage legal systems and buttress the Rule of Law.

**WHEREAS**, in addressing AI, participants in a forum should understand the rules and the parameters for using such a powerful tool, as with Rule 137 of the Supreme Court of Illinois which requires pleadings to be well-grounded and not interposed for an improper purpose.

**WHEREAS**, in addressing AI, professionals should recall that the practice of a profession is a privilege which is heavily regulated, as with the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct of 2010, which require candor among many other things.

**WHEREAS**, similarly, the Judicial Code of Judicial Conduct of 2023 imposes obligations on judges to act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the independence, integrity, and impartiality of the judiciary.


**WHEREAS**, in the AI world, the landscape keeps changing and evolving, leaving little if any time to catch up; as such, it is incumbent upon the Judges of the Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit of the State of Illinois to engage AI to the extent possible, given current assignments, obligations, and resources.

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED** that:

1. Participants and professionals in cases in this Circuit shall consider the admonitions set forth above and engage AI carefully, especially with regard to the rules which govern the use of AI directly and indirectly.
2. The Judges of this Circuit shall consider the admonitions set forth above and engage AI carefully, as with the use of AI in their courtrooms and with their own use of AI.
3. The Judges of this Circuit shall endeavor to:
  - A. Learn about AI;
  - B. Consider and learn about available legal research tools which utilize AI;
  - C. Learn how AI can otherwise be used; and
  - D. Implement Standing Orders which address the use of AI.

**DATED:**      **October 9, 2024**

**ENTERED:**

  
**MICHAEL J. CHMIEL**  
**Chief Judge**