

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR POLK COUNTY

CARL ERIC OLSEN Plaintiff(s) VS. STATE OF IOWA Defendant(s)	05771 CVCV068508 ORDER ON THE USE OF AI
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The Court issues this Order to address the increasing use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools in the preparation of legal documents and pleadings by self-represented litigants.

THE COURT HEREBY ORDERS AND DIRECTS:

1. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACCURACY

All parties appearing before this Court, whether represented by counsel or proceeding pro se, bear absolute responsibility for the accuracy, truthfulness, and completeness of all pleadings, motions, briefs, and other documents filed with this Court. This responsibility cannot be delegated to any artificial intelligence system, software application, or automated tool.

2. RISKS OF AI-GENERATED CONTENT

The Court warns all self-represented litigants that artificial intelligence tools may generate false, inaccurate, or entirely fabricated legal citations, case law references, statutes, and factual assertions. These AI systems may create convincing but wholly fictitious court decisions, legal precedents, and regulatory citations that do not exist.

3. VERIFICATION REQUIRED

Before filing any document with this Court, self-represented litigants must independently verify the accuracy of all:

Case citations and legal authorities; statutory references; factual assertions; legal arguments; conclusions; and procedural requirements.

A certificate of verification must appear on all documents filed that have been prepared in some way with AI.

4. CONSEQUENCES OF INACCURATE FILINGS

The filing of pleadings containing false, inaccurate, or fabricated information or lack a certificate of verification may result in:

Sanctions pursuant to Iowa Rule of Civil Procedure 1.413

Dismissal of claims or defenses

Contempt of court proceedings

Monetary penalties

Other remedies deemed appropriate by the Court

5. NO EXCUSE FOR INACCURACY

The use of artificial intelligence tools does not excuse or mitigate the filing of inaccurate information. Litigants who choose to use such tools do so at their own risk and remain fully accountable for the content of their submissions.

6. COURT RESOURCES

Self-represented litigants are encouraged to utilize the Court's self-help resources, law library facilities, and verified legal research databases to ensure the accuracy of their pleadings, such as Google Scholar and <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/law/courtRules/courtRulesListings>.

As it appears some of the filings submitted may have been generated with AI and the legal citations have not been verified, it is further ORDERED that if any previously filed documents were prepared with the assistance of AI, that the filer submit a notice identifying which documents were so generated. This filing must be submitted within 30 days of this order.



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So Ordered

Celene Gogerty, District Judge
Fifth Judicial District of Iowa

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