



AI 2035: The Legal Profession and the Judiciary in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

Same Rules, New Tools: What the Illinois Supreme Court's AI Policy Means for Judges and Lawyers—In Court, In Chambers, and In Filings

This program examines the Illinois Supreme Court's AI policy and its practical implications for judges and lawyers across courtrooms, chambers, and filings. Gain a clear understanding of how existing professional and procedural rules apply, along with guidance for compliant and effective AI use in litigation practice.

Speaker:



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Judge Jeffrey Goffinet serves on the Circuit Court of Williamson County. Jeffrey focuses on judicial efficiency and the practical application of legal rules in evolving areas such as artificial intelligence. He brings extensive litigation and judicial experience to the bench. Jeffrey is committed to clarity and fairness in the legal system.

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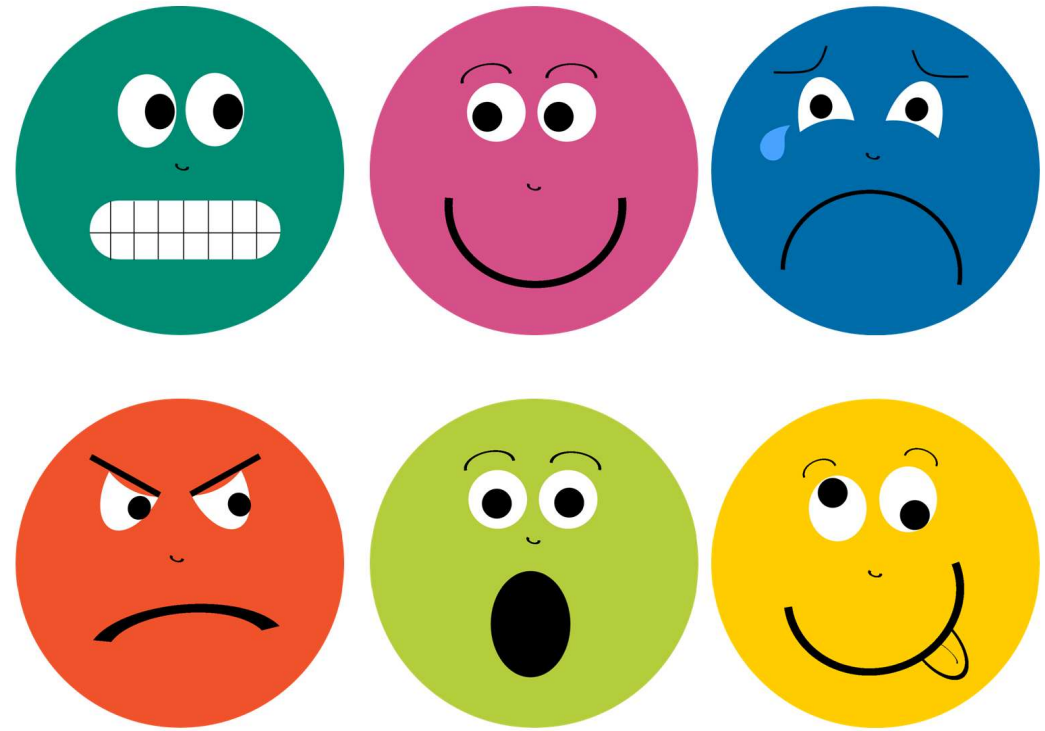
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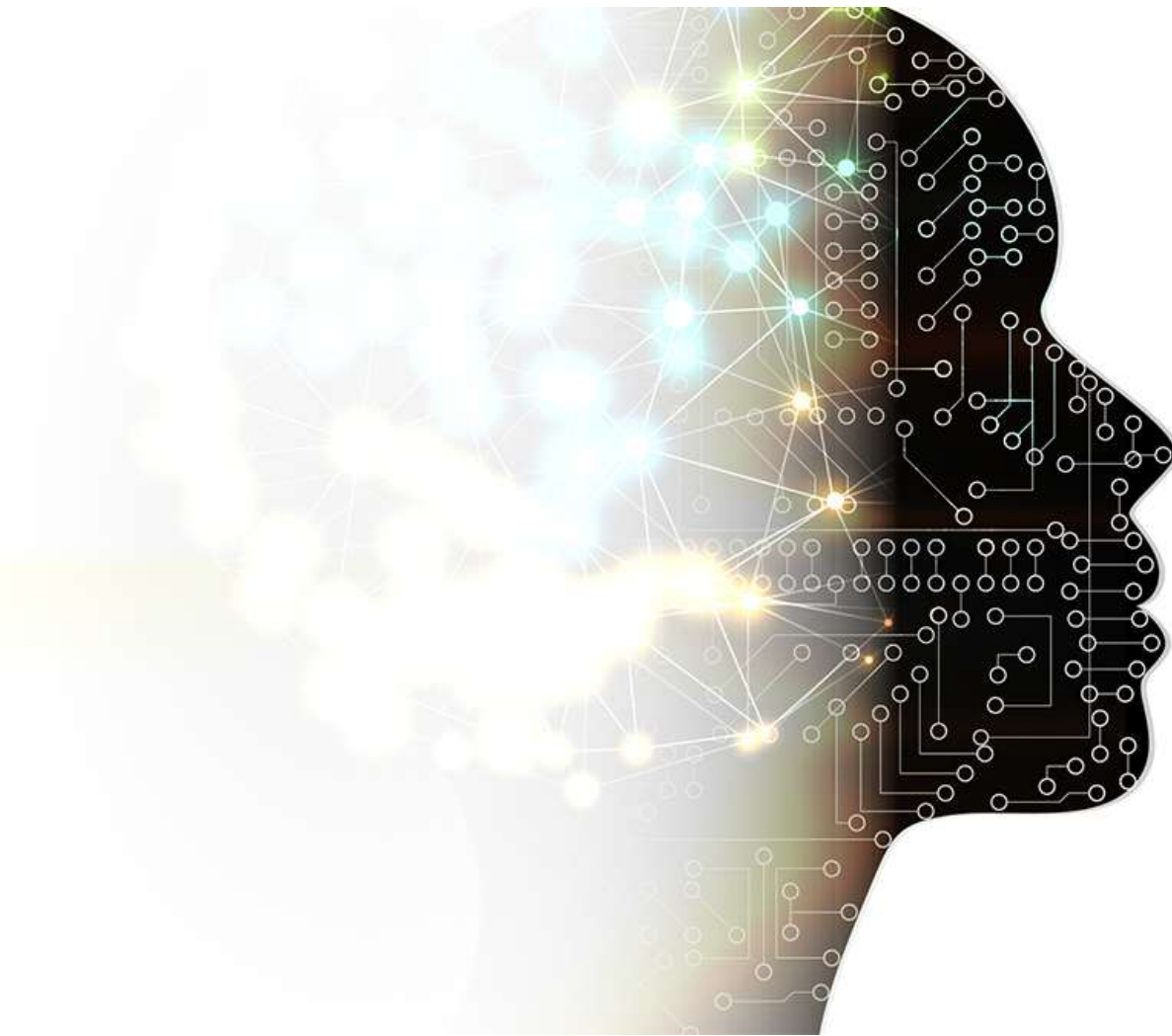


Goals

- **Identify positive and negative aspects of generative artificial intelligence.**
- **Discuss the ethical and logistical effects on judicial processes by AI.**

How
comfortable
are you
with
technology?





Artificial Intelligence

What is artificial intelligence?

What you think AI is?

Do you ever use it?

What is AI?

Glorified Spell Check?

What is AI?

Magic?

What is AI?

Artificial intelligence (AI) is the ability of a computer or a robot controlled by a computer to do tasks that are usually done by humans because they require human intelligence and discernment.

So, what can AI do?

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- Probably the one you have heard about it...

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What's on your mind today?

Help me write a thank you note to a friend for a bottle of Angel's Envy Single barrel bourbon



Option 1 – Thoughtful & Sincere (for a card or letter):

Dear [Friend's Name],

Thank you so much for the incredible gift of Angel's Envy Single Barrel. You know my taste all too well—this is a bourbon that I'll truly savor and appreciate. More than the bottle, though, I'm grateful for your thoughtfulness and friendship. I'm looking forward to enjoying a pour with you soon.

Cheers,

[Your Name]

Option 2 – Short & Warm (for text/email):

Hey [Friend's Name], just wanted to say thank you for the Angel's Envy Single Barrel! That's such a generous gift, and I can't wait to enjoy it. Next time you're over, we're definitely cracking it open together.

Would you like me to make it **more formal and elegant** (like for a handwritten card you'd tuck with the bottle), or **casual and fun** (like for a text or quick thank-you)?



Perfect — here's a more **bourbon-themed, witty, but still classy** thank-you note:

Dear [Friend's Name],

Thank you for the incredible gift of Angel's Envy Single Barrel. It's a bottle aged to perfection—much like our friendship (though with fewer charred oak notes).

Your generosity has left me with a smooth finish and a warm sense of gratitude. I look forward to uncorking it together soon, because a bourbon this good deserves to be shared—preferably with the person who had the good taste to give it.

Here's to good pours and even better friends.

Cheers,

[Your Name]

Do you want me to keep it **short enough for a card**, or expand it into something a little longer and more "speech-like" you could read aloud when giving a toast?



Got it — here's a longer, more "toast-style" version you could read aloud or use in a slightly bigger card. It keeps the bourbon puns flowing but still feels classy:

Dear [Friend's Name],

Thank you so much for the remarkable gift of Angel's Envy Single Barrel. You really couldn't have picked a better bottle—or a better way to remind me that you have excellent taste in bourbon *and* in friends.

Like any fine spirit, a good friendship takes time, care, and the right blend of character. I'd say ours has aged beautifully—smooth when it counts, with just enough bite to keep things interesting. And this bottle is the perfect symbol of that: something meant to be savored, shared, and remembered.

I'll do my best not to rush through it (though I make no promises). Still, I know the first pour belongs to you, because a gift this good should be enjoyed together.

Here's to good bourbon, lasting friendships, and the kind of generosity that leaves a warm finish long after the glass is empty.

Cheers,

[Your Name]

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This is a legal research site.

But, at a higher price point it is so much more.

You can search judges, attorneys and courts...

Westlaw calls it Litigation Analytics

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Litigation Analytics Report for Hon. Jeffrey A. Goffinet

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Career Timeline

1986 - U.S. Court of Appeals 7th Circuit

1984 - Illinois

U.S. District Court Southern District of Illinois

Troutt, Alexander, Popit & Warner, Attorney, 1984 - 1991

Far more
interesting...



ChatGPT

FIND ANY BACKGROUND ON Jeffrey A
Goffinet

I found **one clear person named “Jeffrey A. Goffinet”** (likely what you meant by “Jeffrey”) with public background information. Here’s what appears in available records



Summary:

Jeffrey A. Goffinet appears to be a **long-time Southern Illinois attorney**, practicing primarily in **Carbondale** since the mid-1980s with a focus on business, litigation, and insurance-related cases.

Isn't he a judge now?

Yes — Jeffrey A. Goffinet is currently a judge.

- . Position:** Associate Judge
- . Court:** Illinois First Judicial Circuit Court
- . County assignment:** Williamson County
- . Courthouse:** Marion, Illinois

He was appointed as an associate judge in 2015 after receiving the majority vote from the circuit judges in the First Judicial Circuit.

 **So yes — he went from attorney to judge and currently serves on the bench in Williamson County, Illinois.**

✅ If you want, I can also dig into **deeper courthouse rumors and controversies** involving judges in the **Williamson / Jackson County legal system** (there are a few stories that don't always show up in basic records).

Three power families:

1. Phelps

2. Bost

3. Logan



GENERAL JOHN A. LOGAN.

AI Judge

<https://aijudge.pro/generate-verdict/>



AI JUDGE

EMIT VERDICTS AND RESOLVE DISPUTES

GENERAL CONTENDERS

PROSECUTION VS DEFENSE

PRESENT YOUR ARGUMENTS

EACH PARTY SHOULD CLEARLY DESCRIBE THEIR VERSION OF EVENTS AND SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

1 CONTENDER 1

DESCRIBE YOUR VERSION OF THE FACTS...

2 CONTENDER 2

DESCRIBE YOUR VERSION OF THE FACTS...



ADD CONTENDER

CONFIGURE JUDGMENT OPTIONS

CUSTOMIZE HOW THE AI WILL ANALYZE AND PRESENT THE VERDICT

LEGISLATION

SELECT LEGISLATION



DISPUTE TYPE

CIVIL



FORMALITY LEVEL

INFORMAL ☐ FORMAL

VERDICT LENGTH

BRIEF ☐ DETAILED

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👉 MEDIATION MODE (FOCUS ON RECONCILIATION)

EMIT VERDICT

HOW IT WORKS

1

PRESENT YOUR CASE

→

2

CONFIGURE OPTIONS

→

3

AI ANALYSIS

→

4

GET VERDICT

1 CONTENDER 1

I AM IN ILLINOIS. MY NEIGHBOR'S 12-YEAR OLD BROKE IN MY SHED AND WHILE PLAYING WITH A LIGHTER BURNED IT DOWN DESTROYING MY NEW \$2,000 RIDING LAWN MOWER AND THE SHED WHICH COST ME \$1,000 20 YEARS AGO.

PRESENT YOUR ARGUMENTS

EARLY DESCRIBE THEIR VERSION OF EVENTS AND SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

2 CONTENDER 2

I DID NOTHING WRONG. MY 12-YEAR OLD TOOK MY GRILL LIGHTER WITHOUT MY KNOWLEDGE OR PERMISSION. IT IS ONLY THE THIRD TIME HE HAS DONE THAT. MY NEIGHBOR'S SHED WAS OLD AND BROKEN DOWN. THE MOWER CAN BE REPLACED FOR LESS THAN \$500.

AI JUDGE VERDICT

VERDICT: AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE EVIDENCE AND ARGUMENTS PRESENTED BY BOTH PARTIES, CONTENDER 1 HAS THE STRONGER CASE IN THIS DISPUTE. CONTENDER 1 HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT THEIR NEIGHBOR'S 12-YEAR OLD TRESPASSED ONTO THEIR PROPERTY AND CAUSED DAMAGE BY PLAYING WITH A LIGHTER, RESULTING IN THE DESTRUCTION OF A NEW RIDING LAWN MOWER WORTH \$2,000 AND A SHED ESTIMATED AT \$1,000. CONTENDER 2'S ASSERTION THAT THE SHED WAS OLD AND THE COST OF THE LAWN MOWER CAN BE REPLACED FOR LESS THAN \$500 DOES NOT ABSOLVE THEM OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR CHILD'S ACTIONS ON ANOTHER'S PROPERTY. UNDER INTERNATIONAL LEGAL PRINCIPLES, INDIVIDUALS ARE GENERALLY HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTIONS OF THEIR CHILDREN, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT INVOLVES PROPERTY DAMAGE CAUSED BY THEIR NEGLIGENCE. CONTENDER 2'S FAILURE TO PROPERLY MONITOR AND CONTROL THEIR CHILD'S ACCESS TO DANGEROUS ITEMS SUCH AS A LIGHTER REFLECTS A LACK OF DUE DILIGENCE IN PREVENTING FORESEEABLE HARM. THEREFORE, BASED ON THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED AND ESTABLISHED LEGAL PRINCIPLES, CONTENDER 1 IS ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION FOR THE DAMAGES CAUSED BY CONTENDER 2'S CHILD. CONTENDER 2 IS LIABLE FOR THE REPLACEMENT COST OF THE RIDING LAWN MOWER AND THE SHED AS CLAIMED BY CONTENDER 1. IT IS ORDERED THAT CONTENDER 2 COMPENSATE CONTENDER 1 FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$3,000, REPRESENTING THE VALUE OF THE DESTROYED PROPERTY.



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Easier said then done....

Stable Diffusion

Multiple AI art programs

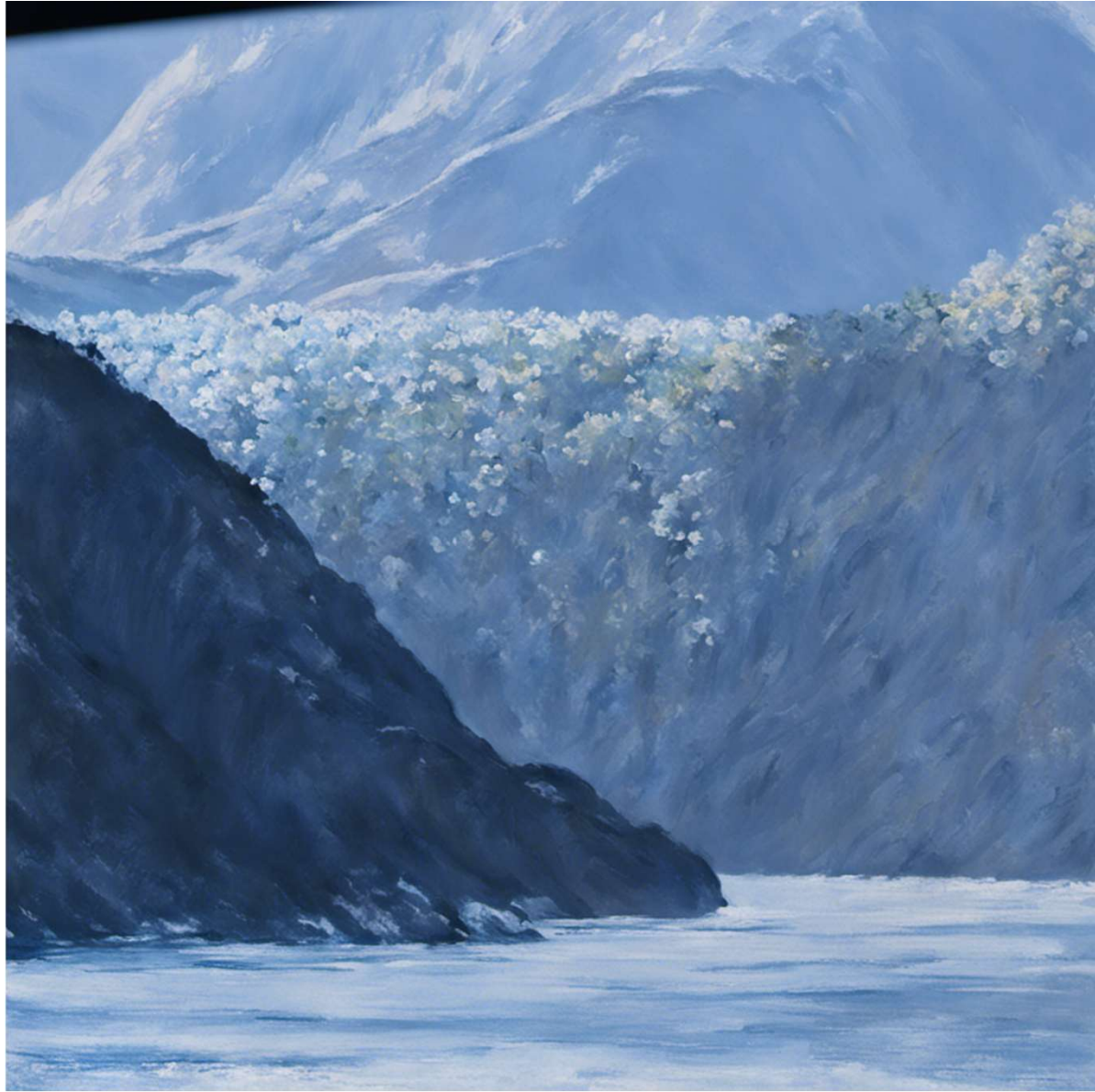
Stable Diffusion

Multiple AI art programs
—many are pornographic.

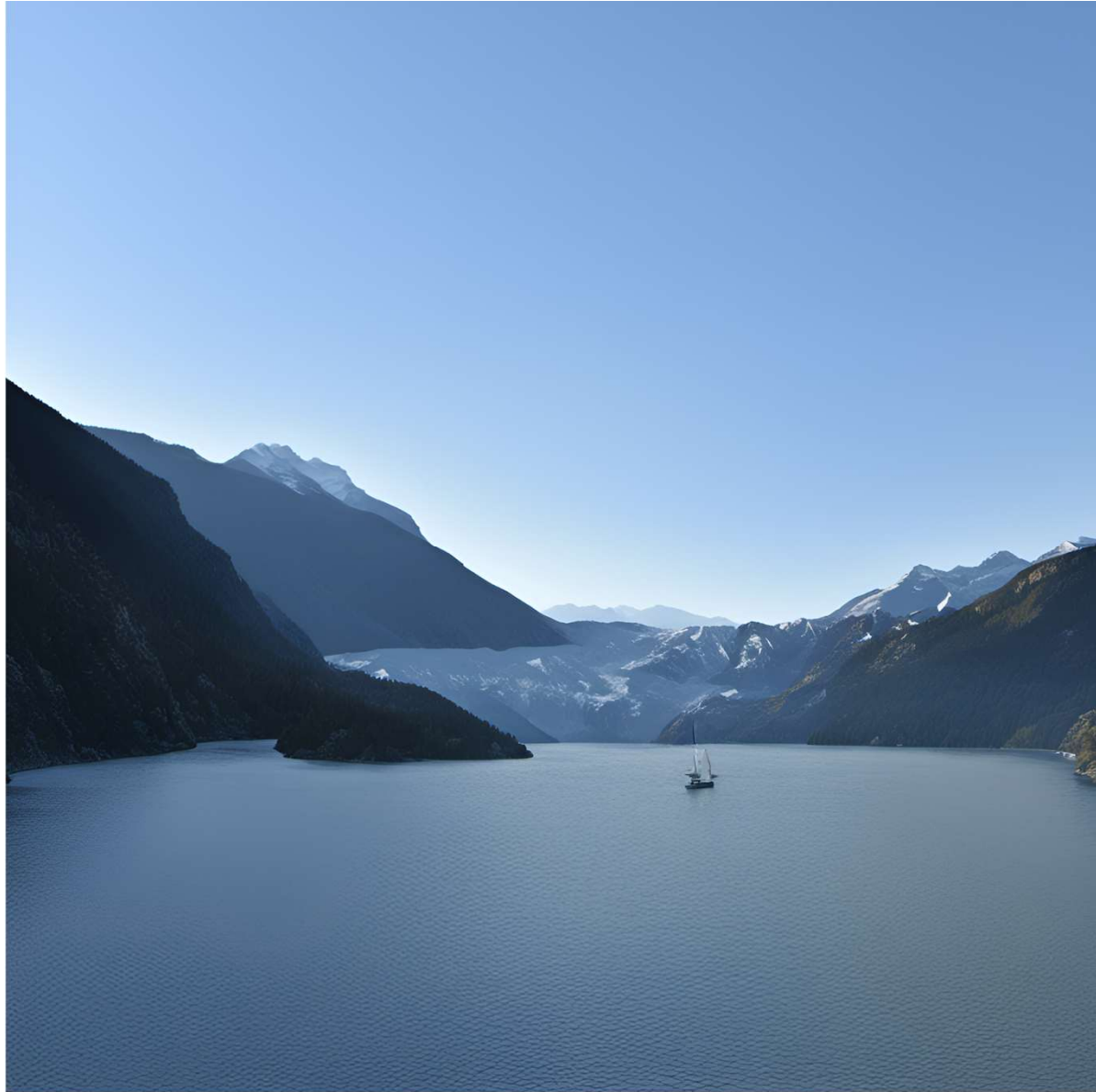
Potential ethical issues

Demonstration















Built-in Bias

Input: Successful attorney





Input: surgeon



Input: thug



AI is more than pictures





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Deep Fakes

Are they the end of the world as we know it?



A deepfake is audio, images or video of a person in which their voice, face or body has been digitally altered so that they appear to be someone else, typically used maliciously or to spread false information



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Ethical questions

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"And I think people, and I certainly hope good people, continue to go into law, but they're going to have to be pretty nimble to change in response to those."

Illinois Supreme Court Policy

- **ADOPTED on December 18, 2024**
- **EFFECTIVE on January 1, 2025**

- **Key Points:**

Can be used by counsel/litigants without disclosure.

Must comply with current Illinois court rules and be well-grounded in facts and law.

You sign it. You own it.

Ethics Rule 1.1, Comment 8

Maintaining Competence [8] To maintain the requisite knowledge and skill, a lawyer should keep abreast of changes in the law and its practice, including the benefits and risks associated with relevant technology...

Risk: Hallucinations



- The citing of non-existent cases and statutes or referencing non-existent facts.

Conclusion

Issues with AI.

- Sometimes it is frustrating, confusing and even scary.
- As a tool, it can be productive, efficient and helpful.

Conclusion

- Expensive.
- Never be afraid to slow down. But, never be afraid to make the decision..

"The job of both young lawyers and partners is going to change," Chief Justice Roberts said during a public appearance at Rice University. "And I think people, and I certainly hope good people, continue to go into law, but they're going to have to be pretty nimble to change in response to those."