

Standing Order

The Use of Artificial Intelligence and Missouri Rules of Procedural Conduct R. 4-3.3 Sanctions

By presenting to the Court any pleading, written motion, or other paper—whether by signing, filing, submitting, or later advocating it—self-represented parties and attorneys acknowledge they will be held responsible for its contents, including any portion generated with artificial intelligence (AI).

Attorneys and self-represented parties alike must exercise great caution in submitting any AI-generated material in pleadings before the Court. If it comes to the Court’s attention that cases are hallucinated or fictitious, your pleading will be stricken and a show cause hearing for the award of attorneys’ fees will be scheduled.

Use of AI without verification of its accuracy implicates Missouri Rules of Procedural Conduct R. 4-3.3, which prohibits the filing of frivolous or unsupported pleadings and sanctions violations for attorneys. The presentation to the Court of any fictitious citation generated from artificial intelligence is an abuse of the judicial system.

Attorneys and self-represented parties are therefore on notice that any pleading or form document (AI generated or not) that hallucinates legal citations or propositions or otherwise misstates the law, is not properly reviewed or completed by the filer, or that has not been subjected to an inquiry reasonable under the circumstances pursuant to Rule 4-3.3, will result in the issuing of a show cause order, ordering the party to show cause as to why sanctions should not be imposed.

Failure to comply with any part of these Requirements may result in the imposition of sanctions, including but not limited to non-monetary directives, an order to pay a penalty into court, an award of reasonable attorney’s fees and expenses, and dismissal of the action. *See Kruse v. Karlen*, 692 S.W.3d 43, 53 (Mo. App. E.D. 2024).

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Abbie Rothermich, Associate Circuit Judge
Division 25, Jackson County, Missouri