

NOTICE TO THE BAR

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE – (1) SUMMARY OF RESPONSES TO JUDICIARY SURVEY OF NEW JERSEY ATTORNEYS; (2) PLANS FOR NO-COST CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

As authorized by the Supreme Court, the Judiciary in April 2024 surveyed New Jersey attorneys regarding their knowledge, perception, and use of artificial intelligence (specifically generative artificial intelligence), in both personal and professional contexts. Based on the responses to the survey, the Judiciary plans to conduct a series of virtual continuing legal education courses on AI and generative AI that will be available to attorneys at no cost.

Survey Response Summary

More than 6,400 attorneys completed the survey, sharing areas of interest and concern, as well as preferences for education and training. In addition, responding attorneys also offered more than 1,800 narrative comments, which illustrated a broad spectrum of views and attitudes about generative AI technologies. The quantitative and qualitative data collected through the survey provide valuable insights about the current and potential future uses of generative AI in the practice of law in New Jersey. Additionally, the information gathered through this comprehensive outreach will inform the ongoing work of the Supreme Court Committee on Artificial Intelligence in the Courts.

Of the attorneys who completed the survey:

- More than half have been engaged in the practice of law for 20+ years.
- The most prevalent concerns about generative AI involved accuracy, ethical considerations, and lack of regulation.
- More than 60% indicated that they know “a little” about how generative AI works. Less than 20% of survey respondents reported having more than a little understanding of the functionality or application of generative AI.
- Only 14.5% of respondents stated that they currently use generative AI technologies in their legal practice.

- Nearly 80% of respondents have received no training on the use of generative AI in legal work.
 - Of those attorneys who have received training on AI, more than 80% indicated that such training increased their understanding of generative AI and what types of products generative AI can produce in the legal profession.
- Many attorneys reported a lack of available training on generative AI. Survey respondents expressed a preference for virtual training programs, followed by in-person workshops and AI-focused legal conferences.


Upcoming CLE Programs on Generative AI

Most survey respondents reported only a little knowledge and understanding of how generative AI technologies work and the legal products they can produce. Further, many survey respondents expressed wide-ranging practical and ethical concerns about these new technologies. To enhance attorneys' understanding of AI and to mitigate against potential missteps, the Judiciary will develop and present a series of CLE programs regarding AI at no cost to attendees. The first program to be presented will be an overview of ethical considerations related to the use of generative AI, as follows:

- **July 24, 2024 from 12 – 2:00 p.m.**, Artificial Intelligence Fundamentals and the Ethics of AI Use by Lawyers (via live Zoom webinar (which meets the "live instruction" requirements of BCLE Reg. 103:1(n)). Advance registration is required and can be completed at this [link](#). This program will offer 2.0 credits in ethics/professionalism.

Details about this initial course and future programs will be posted on the Judiciary's website njcourts.gov.

Questions about this notice or the Supreme Court Committee on Artificial Intelligence and the Courts may be directed by email to Court-Use-of-AI.mbx@njcourts.gov.



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