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Margaret Botkins, Clerk
Cheyenne

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF WYOMING

GENERAL ORDER:

REGARDING THE USE OF

GENERAL ORDER NO. 25-01

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

IN THE PREPARATION OF FILINGS

**GENERAL ORDER CONCERNING THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL
INTELLIGENCE IN THE PREPARATION OF FILINGS**

The Court notes with growing frequency litigants in the United States District Court for the District of Wyoming are using Artificial Intelligence (“AI”) to prepare motions and other papers filed in this Court. Given this and other courts’ recent experiences, it is necessary to remind **all** litigants that appear in this court, represented or pro se, of their obligations under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Rule 11 requires legal contentions in documents filed with a court be warranted by existing law. The Court recognizes that AI can be beneficial to attorneys and their clients and to unrepresented litigants. Even so, examples of filings have been brought to this Court’s attention that appear to include AI-generated arguments and citations not warranted by existing law. In some cases, litigants or their counsel have filed documents that use AI which generate citations to non-existent cases (also known as “hallucinated” legal authority). This practice is strictly prohibited and subject to sanction.

The judges of this court have an obligation to maintain and enforce high standards of conduct, to uphold the integrity of the court, and to maintain the public confidence in the judicial process. Toward these ends, the judges also have inherent supervisory authority over the conduct of attorneys and unrepresented litigants appearing in their courtrooms, including the authority to discipline. Sanctions may include fines, non-monetary directives such as completing educational programs, reporting to the disciplinary boards of the bars of which the attorney is a member, and other appropriate and necessary sanctions. Repeated violations may result in disbarment or filing restrictions. The fact that AI was used in or generated the offending document or filing will not and does not excuse or absolve a litigants' required compliance with Rule 11. Please be mindful of this when utilizing AI tools. (See, e.g., The American Bar Association Formal Opinion 512 – A guide to using AI ethically).

IT IS SO ORDERED this 13th day of May 2025.


SCOTT W. SKAVDAHL
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE