



THE SUPREME COURT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
LA COUR SUPRÊME DES TERRITOIRES DU NORD-OUEST

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC AND PRACTICE DIRECTION

The Use Of Artificial Intelligence In Court Proceedings

As a result of the increasing use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the significant concerns surrounding the potential fabrication of legal authorities in court submissions, this Notice to the Public and Practice Direction addresses the use of AI or Large Language Models (LLMs)¹ in submissions to the Supreme Court.

CAUTION: The Court urges practitioners and litigants to exercise caution when referencing legal authorities or analysis derived from AI in their submissions.

RELIANCE: For all references to case law, statutes or commentary in representations to the courts, it is essential that parties rely exclusively on authoritative sources such as official court websites, commonly referenced commercial publishers, or well-established public services such as CanLII.

The Court expects parties to proceedings before the Court to inform the Court, and other parties, if documents they submit to the Court, that have been prepared for the purposes of litigation, included content created or generated by AI. This shall be done by a declaration in the first paragraph stating that AI was used in preparing the document, either in its entirety or only for specifically identified paragraphs. The declaration is only intended to notify the Court and other parties so that they can govern themselves accordingly.

“Human in the Loop”: In the interest of maintaining the highest standards of accuracy and authenticity, any AI-generated submissions must be verified with meaningful human control. Verification can be achieved through cross-referencing with reliable legal databases, ensuring that the citations and their content hold up to scrutiny. This accords with the longstanding practice of legal professionals.

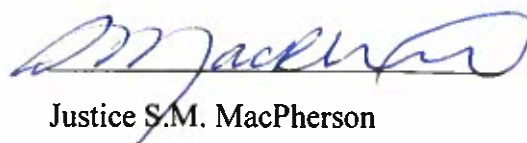
¹ The term “large language model” refers to a type of artificial intelligence (AI) system capable of processing and generating human-like text based on vast amounts of training data.

The Supreme Court recognizes that emerging technologies often bring both opportunities and challenges, and the legal community must adapt accordingly. Therefore, we encourage ongoing discussions and collaborations to navigate these complexities effectively.

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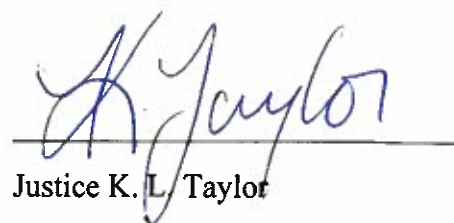
Chief Justice S.H. Smallwood

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Justice S.M. MacPherson

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Justice Annie Piché

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Justice K. L. Taylor