

## **QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE** - Judge McGee's AI Revised Administrative Order (12/8/2025)

Responsible AI use is permitted and welcomed. Parties may use AI tools for drafting, research, organization, and workflow support. Litigants and lawyers remain fully responsible for the authenticity, validity, reliability, accuracy, and integrity of everything they serve or file, regardless of whether AI assisted in its creation. No new certification is required for advocacy use of AI beyond existing duties under the Rules of Professional Responsibility and under N.C. R. Civ. P. 11, 26(g), 37, etc.

AI is permitted in nearly all litigation functions - disclosure triggers only when AI creates, alters, or supplies evidence.

### THE BRIGHT-LINE RULE

Disclosure is required only when AI creates, alters, or supplies evidence offered as proof. No disclosure is required when AI is used solely for drafting, editing, research, formatting, organization, discovery review, or other advocacy-support functions.

#### DISCLOSURE REQUIRED – Evidence

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| AI-generated or altered images, audio, video, or documents offered as evidence       | YES |
| AI-created summaries, timelines, or factual narratives served or introduced as proof | YES |
| AI-generated expert analysis, opinions, or visual demonstrations                     | YES |
| AI-assisted material relied upon as substantive evidence                             | YES |

#### NO DISCLOSURE REQUIRED – Advocacy

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| Drafting briefs, motions, pleadings, or letters | NO |
| Spell-check, grammar, or editing tools          | NO |
| Legal research or citation-support AI           | NO |
| TAR/predictive coding used for doc. review only | NO |
| AI summaries or organization used internally    | NO |

**REMEMBER: (i) No disclosure if AI affects advocacy only. (ii) Disclosure if AI affects evidence. (iii) You own what you serve or file.**