

***VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF NELSON***

**Local Rule on Generative Artificial Intelligence**

Pursuant to the authority granted by Virginia Supreme Court Rule 1:15, it shall be the local rule of this Court that:

The use of generative artificial intelligence (“AI”) tools is not prohibited in this Court. However, all attorneys and *pro se* litigants shall henceforth provide a disclosure in the form of a certification at the end of, or attached to, filings disclosing the use of generative AI in any pleading, exhibit to any pleading, memorandum, brief, sketch order or any other filing. Henceforth all attorneys and *pro se* litigants shall also, ten (10) days before any trial or evidentiary hearing, file a certification disclosing the use of generative AI in any proposed exhibits, including demonstrative exhibits.

Consistent with Virginia Code § 8.01-271.1(B), all parties employing generative AI bear the burden of exercising due care in reviewing filings before their submission to the Court to ensure they are “hallucination-free” and are otherwise well-grounded in fact and warranted by existing law or a good faith argument for the extension, modification, or reversal of existing law. Accordingly, the failure to properly review filings that have been drafted, created, enhanced, or modified in any way by generative AI tools may violate the certification standard set forth in Virginia Code § 8.01-271.1 and may result in sanctions, including but not limited to those sanctions as authorized by Virginia Code § 8.01-271.1(D), Rule 1:5A of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, and the Rules of Professional Conduct.

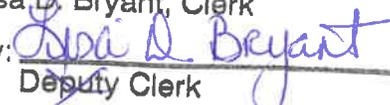
Attached hereto is a model disclosure that meets the requirements of this Local Rule.

As required by Rule 1:15, the Clerk is hereby **DIRECTED** to forthwith: (1) spread this Order upon the order book; (2) post a copy with the date of entry in the Clerk’s Office; (3) file a copy with the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia; and (4) place on the Court’s website a link to a copy of this Order. In addition, the Clerk is **DIRECTED** to place a copy of this Order in the box for each local attorney and forward a copy of this ORDER to the local bar associations; including but not limited to those associations for Augusta County, Albemarle/Charlottesville, Bedford County, Campbell County, Lynchburg, Staunton, and Waynesboro.

**It is so ORDERED.**

ENTER: 19 FEBRUARY 2026

  
Michael R. Doucette, Presiding Judge

A Copy, Teste:  
NELSON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT  
Lisa D. Bryant, Clerk  
By:   
Deputy Clerk

## **DISCLOSURE ON THE USE OF GENERATIVE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

I hereby certify that generative artificial intelligence (“AI”) tools were used in the drafting creation, enhancement, or modification of the instant filing. Pursuant to the duty found in Virginia Code § 8.01-271.1, notwithstanding the assistance from generative AI tools, to the best of my knowledge, the content of this filing is well-grounded in fact and is warranted by existing law or a good faith argument for the extension, modification, or reversal of existing law. I acknowledge that this certification only applies to the instant filing.

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*Attorney/Pro Se Litigant*