

Judicial Council of Georgia

Administrative Office of the Courts

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Judicial Council Ad Hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence and the Courts

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Judicial Council of Georgia, ad hoc committees exist to address issues of limited scope and duration, and the Judicial Council Chair shall create and charge ad hoc committees as are necessary to conduct the business of the Judicial Council.

Therefore, I hereby establish the Ad Hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence and the Courts to assess the risks and benefits of the use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) on the courts and to make recommendations to ensure that the use of AI does not erode public trust and confidence in the judicial system. The Committee shall also make recommendations regarding possible uses of AI that could be beneficial to the administration of justice and access to justice. In making such recommendations, the Committee shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- 1) A survey of national and international best practices on the use of AI and the courts.
- 2) The impact of AI on trial evidence related to authentication, and matters related to digitally enhanced (audio, visual, and image) evidence and the adequacy of current evidentiary rules, and the emergence and threat of deepfakes.
- 3) The adequacy of current trial court rules, practices, and procedures related to the security of court data.
- 4) The adequacy of current ethical and professional standards applicable to lawyer competency related to the use of AI by lawyers practicing in Georgia courts.
- 5) The adequacy of current Code of Judicial Conduct standards to guide judicial officers performing judicial and administrative duties with the aid of AI, including considerations of competency, ex parte communications, confidentiality, potential bias, and administrative functions.
- 6) The impact of bias, confidentiality, and security issues encountered by the use of AI in the courts.
- 7) The need for improved education and resources for judicial-system stakeholders on the benefits and risks of AI.
- 8) An evaluation of necessary considerations for the adoption and implementation of AI technologies.
- 9) An evaluation of strategies to use AI in the courts to improve court administration and to ensure access to justice, improve court management, court research, and improve data collection and analysis.
- 10) An examination of the need for defined roles, definitional standards, and established benchmarks for technology vendors to improve AI performance and ensure the transparency and privacy of AI processes.

The following members are hereby appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence and the Courts:

- Justice Andrew A. Pinson, Supreme Court of Georgia, Chair
- Judge Stephen D. Kelley, Superior Court, Brunswick Judicial Circuit, Vice-Chair
- Court of Appeals Judge, chosen by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals
- Georgia State-wide Business Court Judge or designee
- State Court Judge, chosen by the President of the Council of State Court Judges
- Juvenile Court Judge, chosen by the President of the Council of Juvenile Court Judges
- Probate Court Judge, chosen by the President of the Council of Probate Court Judges
- Magistrate Court Judge, chosen by the President of the Council of Magistrate Court
- Municipal Court Judge, chosen by the President of the Council of Municipal Court Judges
- Judge of an Accountability Court, chosen by the President of the Council of Accountability Courts
- A member of the Judicial Council Standing Committee on Court Reporting Matters chosen by the Chair of the Committee
- A member of the Council of Superior Court Clerks chosen by the President of the Council of Superior Court Clerks
- A Prosecuting Attorney chosen by the Executive Director of the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia
- A Public Defender chosen by the Executive Director of the Public Defender Council
- A District Court Administrator chosen by the President of the Council of Superior Court
- Chair of the State Bar of Georgia AI Committee or designee

Ad Hoc Committee membership may include advisory members appointed, as needed, by the Ad Hoc Committee Chair. Advisory members may be heard but shall not be entitled to vote. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide staff support to the Ad Hoc Committee.

The Ad Hoc Committee shall exist from August 13, 2024, until June 30, 2025, unless extended by further order.

So decided this 13Th day of August, 2024.

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Chair, Judicial Council of Georgia