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CLE Course Description 60 minutes 1 hour Ethics CLE credit

ChatGPT in the Legal Field: Benefits, Pitfalls, & Ethical Considerations

Join Attorneys Cynthia Sharp and Rebecca Howlett in this cutting-edge CLE course exploring the benefits, pitfalls and potential ethical considerations as you incorporate ChatGPT into your legal practice. Through real-life examples, we will examine how ChatGPT can enhance legal research, drafting, client communication and even marketing. Don't miss out on this opportunity to gain valuable insights into the world of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the law. The presenters provide tips on how to comply with the Model Rules of Professional Conduct while integrating ChatGPT into their daily practice lives. Our discussion will include details about MRPC 1.1, 1.3, 1.6 and 5.3 and their relevance in the AI context.

Mindfully leveraging technology such as ChatGPT can help promote attorney wellbeing by providing lawyers with an effective means to help reduce workload and stress. For example, ChatGPT can help streamline workflow and communication processes, which can have far-reaching positive effects on reducing the anxiety of uncertainty and managing client expectations. Ultimately, harnessing Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools like ChatGPT lends itself to more balanced work-life integration, including more time for self-care, family, and friends.

Learning objectives include:

- Understand the capabilities of ChatGPT and how it can be used in the legal setting to enhance efficiency.
- Identify the benefits and pitfalls of using ChatGPT in legal practice.
- Discussion of issues related to bias, accuracy, and confidentiality when using ChatGPT.
- Understand the ethical considerations that arise when using ChatGPT with references to relevant Rules of Professional Conduct.

AGENDA

:00 - :15

- Overview of ChatGPT and discussion of its capabilities and limitations
- Various ways ChatGPT can be used in legal practice, including document analysis, contract review, and legal research
- Alternatives to ChatGPT

:16 - :30

- Practical examples as to how ChatGPT can help attorneys streamline their work, save time, and reduce errors.
- Integration of ChatGPT into other applications and platforms current developments
- How mindfully leveraging technology such as ChatGPT can help promote attorney wellbeing

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- Discussion of potential misuse of and potential consequences of relying solely on ChatGPT for legal work.
- Scrutiny of possible pitfalls of using ChatGPT including issues related to bias and accuracy. Tips on how to address these issues will be included.

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- Examination of ethical considerations that can arise when using ChatGPT in the legal setting. The course will cover relevant Model Rules of Professional Conduct, including MRPC 1.1, 1.3, 1.6, & 5.3.
- Where unauthorized practice of law could become an issue
- The Future of AI in the legal setting -- Will AI replace lawyers?

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