



CLE Course Description

120 minutes

2 hours CLE credit (1 Ethics and 1 hour General or Practice Management/Technology)

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

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 research, drafting, client communication, marketing, and more! 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 your daily law practice and personal life. Our discussion will include details about MRPC 1.1, 1.3, 1.6 and 5.3 and their relevance in the AI context, as well as a comprehensive survey of case law and ethics opinions that have developed in this arena.

Mindfully leveraging technology like 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 AI tools lends 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.
- Discuss 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
- Evolution of ChatGPT

:16 - :30

- Leveraging ChatGPT in the Legal Field - Practical examples as to how ChatGPT can help attorneys streamline their work, save time, and reduce errors.
- Legal Specific AI Resources
- Explanation of prompt engineering & best prompts
- How mindfully leveraging technology such as ChatGPT can help promote attorney wellbeing

:31 - :45

- Live in depth demonstration of ChatGPT use in legal setting

:46 - :60

- ChatGPT best practices
- Scrutiny of possible pitfalls of using ChatGPT including issues related to bias and accuracy. Tips on how to address these issues will be included.

1:01 - 1:15

- Ethical implications - an introduction
- Survey & analysis of U.S. ethics decisions

1:16 - 1:30

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- Survey & analysis of U.S. decisions (cont)
- AI legal ethics beyond our borders
- Duty of Competence

1:31 - 1:45

- Duty of communication - transparency required (MRPC 1.4)
- How to comply with duty of confidentiality (MRPC 1.6)
- Compliance with duty to supervise lawyers & non-lawyers (MRPC 5.1 & 5.3)
- Opinions & guidance - bar associations chime in

1:46 - 2:00

- Opinions & guidance - bar associations chime in (cont)
- AI in the Judiciary
- Other relevant issues: unauthorized practice of law, plagiarism, copyright infringement, defamation
- The Future of AI in the legal setting -- Will AI replace lawyers?

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