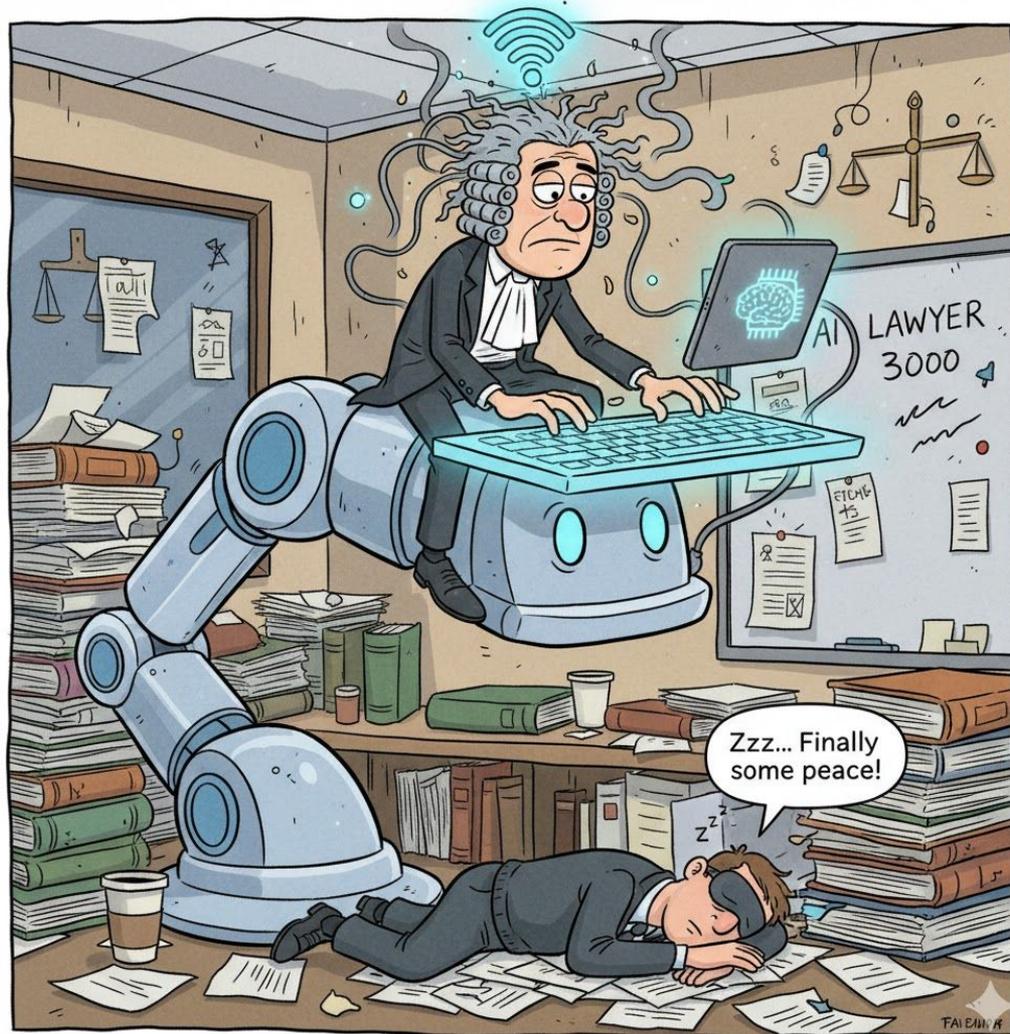


# Introduction to Artificial Intelligence for Lawyers

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<https://copilot.microsoft.com/>



<https://gemini.google.com/app>

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<https://chat.deepseek.com/>

In summary, June 7, 1988, was a day that reflected the tensions of its time: environmental and anti-nuclear protests in Europe, ongoing civil wars in Asia, and the quiet beginning of what would become a major maritime disaster.

What major events happened on April 15, 1989?



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# Lawyer 'deeply sorry' for submitting fake, AI-generated quotes in murder case

By Associated Press

Published Aug. 15, 2025, 9:08 a.m. ET

[https://nypost.com/2025/08/15/world-news/australian-lawyer-apologizes-for-ai-generated-errors-in-murder-case/?utm\\_campaign=nypost&sr\\_share=facebook&utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=social&fbclid=IwY2xjawMNq6BleHRuA2FbQlxMABicmlkETFSdk4zZWRpcWhjRmVpbzVzAR6Zk21gEvQA2McFJVDp8hRgVIfJBk6H4B8hFIM9H-QxVqgmTjVp2jXxeoS0-A\\_aem\\_a1VNfd4fkR2CCUiuDIh2XA](https://nypost.com/2025/08/15/world-news/australian-lawyer-apologizes-for-ai-generated-errors-in-murder-case/?utm_campaign=nypost&sr_share=facebook&utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&fbclid=IwY2xjawMNq6BleHRuA2FbQlxMABicmlkETFSdk4zZWRpcWhjRmVpbzVzAR6Zk21gEvQA2McFJVDp8hRgVIfJBk6H4B8hFIM9H-QxVqgmTjVp2jXxeoS0-A_aem_a1VNfd4fkR2CCUiuDIh2XA)

please cite some recent examples of lawyers who got into trouble for using work product produced by AI without properly reviewing it.

Here are several recent, well-documented examples of lawyers / legal professionals getting into trouble for using work product produced (in whole or in part) by AI without properly reviewing it. These illustrate how courts are treating reliance on unverified AI output, especially fake legal citations ("hallucinations"), as an ethical / procedural issue:

Case / Instance	What Happened	Outcome / Sanctions	Share ...
Butler Snow attorneys (Alabama)	Three attorneys (Matthew Reeves, William Cranford, William Lunsford) submitted court filings that included false citations generated by AI. Reeves admitted to generating citations with AI and failing to verify them. Cranford and Lunsford signed off on them without independent review. <a href="#">Reuters</a>	The judge disqualified the attorneys from the case, reprimanded them, and referred the matter to the Alabama State Bar for possible disciplinary action. <a href="#">Reuters</a>	
Utah – Richard Bednar	Submitted a court brief containing fabricated legal citations generated by ChatGPT. He admitted failing to verify before filing. <a href="#">The Guardian</a>	Sanctioned by the Utah Court of Appeals; he had to pay respondent's legal fees, refund his client's related expenses, and donate \$1,000 to a legal non-profit. <a href="#">The Guardian</a>	
Georgia Court of Appeals – Diana Lynch	In a brief, more than 70% of case citations were either made up or irrelevant — evidently resulting from AI-use without adequate verification. <a href="#">WSB TV Channe...</a>	The attorney was fined; it was described as “embarrassing” by the judges. (Maximum fine for that court.) <a href="#">WSB TV Channe...</a>	
Amir Mostafavi (California)	In a brief, 21 out of 23 legal citations were found to be fabricated by ChatGPT. <a href="#">San Diego Post</a>	The California 2nd District Court of Appeal fined him \$10,000; the court condemned the brief as “frivolous” and admonished that attorneys are responsible for personally verifying every citation. <a href="#">San Diego Post</a>	
Texas — Brandon Monk	Submitted a filing in a wrongful termination suit that included citations to nonexistent cases and unverifiable quotes, trusting AI's automatic features instead of checking. <a href="#">Newstrail +2</a>	Fined \$2,000; ordered to take a legal education course on AI ethics/use. <a href="#">Newstrail +1</a>	
Avianca / LoDuca & Schwartz case (New York)	Lawyers submitted a legal brief that included fake case law and fake quotes, allegedly relying on ChatGPT to generate legal research, then failing to verify them. <a href="#">CNBC +1</a>	Sanctioned by the court: \$5,000 fines each, plus consequences including notification to judges falsely identified as authors of the bogus case rulings. <a href="#">CNBC +1</a>	

<https://fingfx.thomsonreuters.com/gfx/legaldocs/egpbqonmgvq/Butler%20Snow%20Lawyers%20Sanctions%20Order.pdf>

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/31/utah-lawyer-chatgpt-ai-court-brief>

[https://www.wsbtv.com/news/local/georgia-court-fines-lawyer-apparent-use-ai-that-generated-inaccuracies/44AC5KROBVDFTPAFJFODSKF5YU/?utm\\_source=chatgpt.com](https://www.wsbtv.com/news/local/georgia-court-fines-lawyer-apparent-use-ai-that-generated-inaccuracies/44AC5KROBVDFTPAFJFODSKF5YU/?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

<https://www4.courts.ca.gov/opinions/documents/B331918.PDF>

[https://www.newstrail.com/texas-lawyer-faces-sanctions-for-ai-created-court-filing-errors/?utm\\_source=chatgpt.com](https://www.newstrail.com/texas-lawyer-faces-sanctions-for-ai-created-court-filing-errors/?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

[https://www.cnbc.com/2023/06/22/judge-sanctions-lawyers-whose-ai-written-filing-contained-fake-citations.html?utm\\_source=chatgpt.com](https://www.cnbc.com/2023/06/22/judge-sanctions-lawyers-whose-ai-written-filing-contained-fake-citations.html?utm_source=chatgpt.com)



**Trust, but verify.**

– Ronald Reagan



Give a definition from a Minnesota court case for damages in a tort case.

A Minnesota court case that provides a definition of damages in a tort case is *Kellogg v. Finnegan*, 823 N.W.2d 454 (Minn. Ct. App. 2012). In that case, the Minnesota Court of Appeals stated:

*"Damages in a tort action are intended to place the injured party in the position he or she would have been in had the wrong not occurred."*

This aligns with the general principle of compensatory damages in tort law, which aims to restore the plaintiff to their pre-injury condition, as much as possible, through monetary compensation.

Please show me the basic form that I would use for a memorandum in favor of a motion for a discovery protective order, for a Tennessee court.

#### V. ATTEMPTS TO RESOLVE THE DISPUTE

Pursuant to Rule 37.01 of the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure, counsel for the [Plaintiff/Defendant] certifies that they have attempted in good faith to confer with opposing counsel to resolve this matter without court intervention but have been unable to reach an agreement.

<https://www.tncourts.gov/courts/rules-civil-procedure/rules/rules-civil-procedure-rules/rule-3701-motion-order-compelling>



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# Uses for AI

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Legal writing **of first draft!**

Factual research

Is AI your competition?

<https://chatgpt.com/?oai-dm=1>

<https://copilot.microsoft.com/>

<https://gemini.google.com/app>

<https://chat.deepseek.com/>

## Other CLE Resources:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SMvdwAjmWXw>

For registration information, see: <https://www.hclawlib.org/CLEs>

For course slides, see:

[https://mc-379cbd4e-be3f-43d7-8383-5433-cdn-endpoint.azureedge.net/-/media/law-library/CLEs/2025/May/Practical-AI-HCLL\\_slide-deck.pdf?rev=23a3b088aa0649f68756adbd87c6f4ff&hash=075A2CA003B0E405E6E44D8AFA4BA2D0](https://mc-379cbd4e-be3f-43d7-8383-5433-cdn-endpoint.azureedge.net/-/media/law-library/CLEs/2025/May/Practical-AI-HCLL_slide-deck.pdf?rev=23a3b088aa0649f68756adbd87c6f4ff&hash=075A2CA003B0E405E6E44D8AFA4BA2D0)