DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

(Filed March 6, 2026)

Artificial Intelligence Task Force of the District of Columbia Courts

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Courts have a long history of enhancing information technology capabilities to provide the highest level of service to the public and state-of-the art technology tools to the workforce to increase operational efficiencies. The Courts continue to develop, manage, and maintain information technology infrastructures that are effective, efficient, and resilient in supporting the Courts' mission and strategic goals of 1: Access to Justice for All; 2: Public Trust and Confidence; 3: A Great Place to Work; 4: Effective Court Administration; 5: Fair and Timely Case Resolution; and 6: Racial Equity and Cultural Competence. A strategy in the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan is to leverage state-of-the art technology that enables court personnel to perform their work effectively and efficiently.

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Courts are committed to expanding the capacity of its information technology infrastructure by adopting best practices, seeking innovative technology solutions, and keeping abreast of new developments to enhance services to the public and promote operational efficiencies.

WHEREAS, Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a rapidly evolving field that has benefits as well as challenges. The use of AI has numerous possibilities for courts, such as streamlining internal court operations, generating court documents, automating data entry and docketing and creating information for court users. However, concerns remain about the integrity of the court process, validity of evidence, and equal protection under the law when AI use is under consideration. AI can erode the public's trust and confidence in the judicial system if the proper safeguards are not in place.

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Courts have used AI to enhance services to the public and streamline operations, including chatbots to provide information to prospective jurors and robotic process automation to process invoices more efficiently.

WHEREAS, to support courts as they navigate the rapidly evolving development of AI, the National Center for State Courts in conjunction with the Conference of Chief Justices and the Conference of State Court Administrators have established the AI Rapid Response Team to provide guidance to courts and help courts understand AI and generative AI. As Past President of the Conference of Chief Justices, Co-Chair of the AI Rapid Response Team, and Chief Judge of the D.C. Court of Appeals, Anna Blackburne-Rigsby stated "Artificial intelligence is already impacting the courts, and we must be prepared and forward-thinking

when it comes to addressing how AI can be used effectively, efficiently, and ethically to promote the administration of justice."

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Courts sought the expert technical assistance of the National Center for State Courts to support the work of the AI Task Force in developing a roadmap on the use of AI and the exploration of various use cases, including the use of generative AI for writing opinions and generating orders, use of machine learning for administrative tasks to improve efficiency and reduce the risks of errors, and potential business process changes that can be enabled by AI adoption.

WHEREAS, in recognition of the potential benefits and challenges of AI and its potential impact on the fair and timely administration of justice, the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration in the District of Columbia has approved the establishment of an Artificial Intelligence Task Force to develop a formal structure to expand the use of AI in the District of Columbia Courts. It is

ORDERED that the Artificial Intelligence Task Force of the District of Columbia Courts will be a standing Committee of the District of Columbia Courts effective March 6, 2026, with the following purposes: 1) Examine best practices on the use of AI and help shape future best practices on the use of AI in the courts; 2) Implement the roadmap for the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the D.C. Courts; 3) Expand the use of AI to make court operations more efficient and effective for judges and staff; 4) Understand the implications of AI's evolution on the D.C. Courts; 5) Ensure that AI is used appropriately and the integrity of the court process is preserved and maintained; 6) Expand the use of AI to make court processes and services more accessible to the public considering the digital divide and equity issues; 7) Expand the potential use of AI to assist judicial officers in the development of orders, opinions and other court pleadings to ensure the fair and timely administration of justice and the integrity of the court process; and 8) Develop court rules with respect to disclosure, transparency, ethics, accuracy, authenticity and certification of AI use in court pleadings and proceedings. It is

FURTHER ORDERED that John P. Howard III, Court of Appeals Associate Judge and Donald W. Tunnage, Superior Court Associate Judge are hereby appointed Co-Chairs of the Artificial Intelligence Task Force for a term of 2 years, effective March 6, 2026. It is

FURTHER ORDERED that the following individuals are appointed as Members of the Artificial Intelligence Task Force, for a term of 2 years, effective March 6, 2026:

3. Stephen Rickard, Associate Judge, D.C. Superior Court
4. Sean Staples, Associate Judge, D.C. Superior Court
5. Herb Rouson, Executive Officer, Court System
6. Jason LaVey, Deputy Clerk, D.C. Court of Appeals
7. Jasmine Burns, Acting Deputy Director, Strategic Management
8. Marie Robertson, Senior Court Manager, Court System
9. Sherri Harris – General Counsel, Court System
10. Vaidehi Koppolu – Deputy Director, Information and Technology Division, Court System
11. Jane Ehrenfeld, Director of Public Office, D.C. Court of Appeals

12. Laura Moorer, Law Librarian, D.C. Court of Appeals
13. Tracy Stewart – Courtroom Clerk, Family Court, D.C. Superior Court
14. Clayton Rawlinson – Deputy Clerk, Probate Division, D.C. Superior Court
15. Brad Palmore – Director, Multi-Door Dispute Resolution Division, D.C. Superior Court
16. Bilal Syed, Acting CFO, Budget and Finance Division, Court System
17. Deqa Abdillahi – IT Cybersecurity Compliance Analyst, Information and Technology Division, Court System
18. Phillip Wininger, Senior Court Planning and Performance Associate, Strategic Management Division, Court System

BY THE D.C. COURTS:

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