

Statement of Principles for the New Jersey Judiciary's Ongoing Use of Artificial Intelligence, Including Generative Artificial Intelligence

Consistent with its longstanding commitment to the core values of independence, integrity, fairness, and quality service, the New Jersey Judiciary envisions the ongoing seamless integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies to further enhance court processes, improve and sustain services to the public, and uphold the rule of law.

1. **Independence:** AI systems will be designed and deployed in a manner that respects and maintains the independence of the Judiciary, the impartiality of our courts, and the independent decision-making of our judges. Judges and their staff may use AI only for select purposes, such as for preliminary gathering and organization of information. AI will never be used to replace the autonomy of judges but may serve as a tool to support and enhance judicial functions.
2. **Integrity:** The AI technologies currently in use, as well as those yet to be implemented, will be rigorously assessed to ensure that they meet the highest standards of ethical considerations and are as free from bias as possible. All AI technologies will be continuously monitored, assessed, and refined as necessary in order to identify and remedy potential sources and effects of bias, to the extent possible. The Judiciary will take appropriate steps to ensure the safety and security of AI technologies. The Judiciary will provide appropriate public information as to its development and use of AI and will engage in ongoing oversight to ensure that AI technologies are Transparent, Explainable, Accurate, Reliable, and Secure.
3. **Fairness:** To support access to justice for all court users, AI will be used to support equity for all parties to the case, to maximize access to the courts, and to reduce unnecessary delays in case disposition, consistent with the aims expressed in the Rules of Court. In addition to supporting access and participation for all court users, AI technologies

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will be used with appropriate requirements of disclosure so as to support public trust and confidence in the courts.

4. **Quality Service:** Expanded Judiciary use of AI aims to improve effectiveness and consistency in court services, including case management, court administration, public accessibility, and transparency. AI technologies will be used in ways that maintain confidentiality and that safeguard the security of Judiciary systems and the data contained in those systems.

By adhering to these core principles, the New Jersey courts will continue to be at the forefront of integrating AI technologies that augment the judicial process, always prioritizing the well-being and rights of the people, businesses, and communities we serve.

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