



SUPERIOR COURT OF QUÉBEC

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NOTICE TO PROFESSION AND PUBLIC

Integrity of Court Submissions When Using Large Language Models

Considering the significant concerns surrounding the potential fabrication of legal authorities through large language models¹, this Notice addresses the matter of legal references in submissions to the court. Our joint commitment to reinforcing the integrity and credibility of legal proceedings is critical.

Caution: The Superior Court of Québec urges practitioners and litigants to exercise caution when referencing legal authorities or analysis derived from large language models.

Reliance: For all references to case law, statutes or commentary in representations to this court, it is essential that parties rely exclusively on authoritative sources such as official court websites, commonly referenced commercial publishers, or well-established public services.

"Human in the loop": In the interest of maintaining the highest standards of accuracy and authenticity, any AI-generated submissions must be verified with meaningful human control. Verification can be achieved through cross-referencing with reliable legal databases, ensuring that the citations and their content hold up to scrutiny. This accords with the longstanding practice of legal professionals.

The Superior Court of Québec recognizes that emerging technologies often bring both opportunities and challenges, and the legal community must adapt accordingly.

Therefore, we encourage ongoing discussions and collaborations to navigate these complexities effectively.

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¹ The term "large language model" refers to a type of artificial intelligence (AI) system capable of processing and generating humanlike text based on vast amounts of training data.