

NOTICE TO THE LEGAL COMMUNITY AND THE PUBLIC

The legal references contained in written submissions sent to judges raise significant concerns about the potential creation of legal authorities through large language models (LLMs).¹ The engagement of all participants in court activities must be aimed at strengthening the integrity and credibility of legal proceedings.

Notice: The Court of Québec invites practitioners and litigants to exercise caution when referring to legal authorities or analyses derived from LLMs in their submissions.

Verifications: For all references to case law, laws or any doctrinal text in submissions before the Court, it is essential that the parties rely exclusively on authoritative sources such as official court websites, commonly referenced commercial publishers or established public services such as SOQUIJ and CanLII.

Quality control: To maintain the highest standards of accuracy and authenticity, all submissions generated by artificial intelligence (AI) must be subject to serious human control. Verification can be done through cross-referencing with reliable legal databases, to ensure that quotes and their content are accurate. This is consistent with the long-standing practice of legal professionals.

The Court of Québec recognizes that emerging technologies present both opportunities and challenges. The legal community must adapt to this reality. We encourage ongoing discussion and collaboration on this topic, including through practitioner liaison committees.

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¹ The term “large language model” refers to a type of artificial intelligence (AI) system capable of processing and generating human-like text using large amounts of learning data.