

GARFIELD HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL COURT
CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO

Local Rule 14-Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence

Effective July 23, 2026

This rule is established to govern the use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (“GenAI”) by attorneys or self-represented litigants in preparing materials submitted to the Court and to ensure the ethical use of GenAI.

(A) Definitions “Artificial Intelligence” is technology that uses computer systems to imitate human intelligence and perform tasks. Artificial Intelligence relies on pre-defined rules and algorithms to perform tasks. “Generative Artificial Intelligence” is a branch of Artificial Intelligence that is trained on large datasets and generates new content, such as documents, images, or evidence.

(B) Disclosure of the Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence GenAI shall not be treated as a substitute for legal research or judgment. If an attorney or self-represented litigant uses GenAI in the preparation of materials submitted to the Court, such use shall be disclosed to the Court. The disclosure must be made at the time of submission and include a general description of the GenAI used and its role in preparing the materials. The disclosure shall be made in a certification on the Court form entitled “Certification Regarding Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence” or the equivalent, verifying that the materials have been reviewed by the filer for accuracy, validity, and relevance, and that they meet all legal and ethical standards. The certification shall be attached to the materials submitted.

(C) Review of Materials: An attorney or self-represented litigant who has used GenAI in the preparation, including the editing, of materials submitted to the Court is responsible for reviewing the accuracy, validity, and relevancy of the materials, and for ensuring the materials meet all legal and ethical standards, including any standards set forth in these Rules, the Ohio Rules of Procedure and the Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct.

(D) Court Discretion: The Court may request additional information regarding the use of GenAI in the preparation of any filing. The Court may strike or disregard a filing in which GenAI was used if the use of GenAI resulted in: (i) a procedural irregularity; (ii) a material misrepresentation; or (iii) a violation of court rules, including these Rules, the Ohio Rules of Procedure, and the Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct.

(E) Sanctions: Any attorney or self-represented litigant who violates this Rule may be subject to sanctions, including but not limited to any sanction provided for in Civ.R. 11, such as imposing monetary sanctions, striking the submission, or dismissing the lawsuit. For attorneys, this may include submitting a professional grievance to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel or a Local Certified Grievance Committee.