

Minnesota Judicial Branch Policy

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Artificial Intelligence Policy

I. POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Minnesota Judicial Branch to improve efficiency and effectiveness for all judicial officers and Judicial Branch employees by promoting the appropriate use of artificial intelligence (AI) to enhance services and products for court customers. The Minnesota Judicial Branch must establish policy guidelines and technological guardrails, and all judicial officers and Judicial Branch employees must follow ethical principles in the use of artificial intelligence.

In leveraging artificial intelligence, the Minnesota Judicial Branch will establish policy guidelines and technological guardrails based on the following principles:

- 1. **Responsible**. The Branch will exercise appropriate levels of judgment and care, while remaining responsible for any development, deployment, and use of AI capabilities within the Branch.
- 2. **Equitable**. The Branch will develop procedures and capabilities for the ethical, fair and just use of AI. Judicial officer and employees will have the access to tools and resources to understand and use AI technology.
- 3. **Traceable**. The Branch will develop processes to allow AI capabilities deployed by the Branch to be transparent and auditable.
- 4. **Reliable**. The Branch will use high-quality data in its AI capabilities to promote safe, secure, and repeatable outcomes.
- 5. Governable. The Branch will design and engineer AI capabilities to fulfill their intended functions while possessing the ability to detect and avoid unintended consequences, and the ability to disengage or deactivate deployed systems that demonstrate unintended behavior. Examples of AI capabilities may include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Generative Artificial Intelligence
 - b. Machine Learning
 - c. Robotic Process Automation

II. IMPLEMENTATION AUTHORITY

State Court Administrator, acting as the Judicial Council's agent, is responsible for implementing this policy.

III. EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS

Not applicable.