



COURT OF APPEAL OF QUEBEC

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NOTICE RESPECTING THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE BEFORE THE COURT OF APPEAL

Artificial intelligence¹ is a powerful tool whose increased availability is likely to facilitate the work of litigants. Nonetheless, it is not an infallible tool, and when relied upon to do research or to prepare a document for the Court of Appeal, it must be used carefully and in keeping with the following principles.

Caution: The Court of Appeal urges litigants to exercise caution when they include in their written or oral submissions legal sources obtained or analyses prepared with the help of artificial intelligence.

Reliability: In order to guard against the risk of legal sources fabricated by artificial intelligence, parties must base their submissions on legislative or regulatory texts, case law and doctrine from reliable sources such as court websites and recognized publishers or databases.

Indeed, the Chief Justice's Directive entitled "*Rules Respecting the Preparation of the PDF File of Pleadings, Briefs, Memoranda, Books of Authorities or Any Other Document*"² requires that lists of authorities include hyperlinks to a recognized website that can be accessed free of charge.

Human involvement: Litigants are responsible for the accuracy of their written and oral submissions. If they use artificial intelligence to prepare their submissions, they must check and confirm the information provided. It is their responsibility to perform the necessary cross-checks with reliable databases to ensure that references and their content stand up to thorough scrutiny and maintain the integrity and reliability of our justice system.

¹ Artificial intelligence includes "large language models", a type of artificial intelligence system capable of processing and generating human-like text by using vast amounts of training data.

² Available on the Court's website.