

Villanova International Law Society Blog (VILSB)

Artificial Intelligence Policy

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I. Purpose and Objectives.

The purpose of this Policy¹ is to establish a framework for the responsible, secure, and compliant use of Generative Artificial Intelligence ("Generative AI") tools by writers, editors, and authors engaging with, writing for, or submitting any piece of original authorship for the Villanova International Law Society Blog ("the Blog").

II. Scope and Applicability.

This Policy applies to:

- All Blog Staff Writers
- All Blog Editors (including Contributing Editors, Digital Editors, and Associate Editors, Deputy Editors-in-Chief, and Editors-in-Chief)
- All prospective Blog writers and students participating in the Blog's annual Write-On Competition
- All other individuals submitting works of original authorship to the Blog for publication

III. Definitions

"Generative AI" means any machine-based tool designed to brainstorm, formulate, ideate, write, edit, translate, or restructure language from user questions and prompts. This includes:

- Stand-alone programs (e.g., ChatGPT, Claude, Copilot, Gemini, and GeminiLM);
- AI-powered and -assisted legal research tools (e.g., Harvey, Legora, NormAI);
- Custom-built solutions (e.g., using open weight models); and
- AI tools embedded in programs such as Grammarly or Microsoft Copilot and research platforms (e.g., Lexis, Westlaw, Bloomberg Law).

IV. Usage and Limitations

Generative AI may be used in limited circumstances that supplement the technical quality of the work. Some of the examples in which Generative AI is strictly prohibited or allowed for limited use are listed below. This list is not exhaustive; if an author wishes to use Generative AI in a manner not listed herein, the author must seek review and approval from the Editor-in-Chief or Deputy-Editor-in-Chief through the official blog email (vilsb@outlook.com).

- A. **Writing/Editing:** The Blog strictly prohibits pieces that are entirely or substantially written using Generative AI. This includes the use of Generative AI to produce text for use in Articles. The Blog allows the limited use of writing assistance software such as Grammarly, as long as the author *manually verifies* the correctness of each

¹ This policy was adapted in part from the *California Law Review* Artificial Intelligence Author Use and Disclosure Agreement (Jan. 28, 2026), <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/640d6616cc8bbb354ff6ba65/t/698282ab6aa3ef3e5ed7a78e/1770160812010/CLR+Author+AI+Policy.pdf>. Additional, the Drafters credit Professor Luke Repici for his guidance in developing this policy, which was informed by his philosophy on the usage of AI by law students.

recommendation. The Blog strictly prohibits feeding forthcoming material into Generative AI models for the purposes of editing the writing therein.

- B. **Research Support:** The Blog allows the limited use of Generative AI for research purposes, so long as the author *manually verifies* the correctness of the research assistance. This includes, but is not limited to, use of Generative AI to perform web searches, produce quotes from cited works, produce information about cited works (e.g., works' titles), produce research on a given topic, or validate the author's own research.
- C. **Data Analysis:** The Blog strictly prohibits the use of Generative AI alone and without other checks to manipulate, process, and analyze data or data sets. Other methods of data analysis, such as through tables and formulas manually created within programs such as Microsoft Excel, are preferred. The Blog allows the limited use of Generative AI to process and/or analyze data as long as the author has a justified reason to use Generative AI in this manner, and as long as the author can verify the Generative AI's veracity in processing and/or analyzing the relevant data. The author must be prepared to share the raw data/data set(s) with the Blog.
- D. **Image Generation:** The Blog permits authors to use Generative AI to generate images for their Blog articles. Generative AI-produced images must be properly cited according to the Bluebook. Authors must be able to provide a file of each generated image and prompts used to generate images so they may be reviewed for potential copyright infringement. The Blog prohibits prompting that seeks to copy or imitate the styles of particular artists or creators.
- E. **Text Translation:** The Blog permits authors to use Generative AI to translate texts. Authors are encouraged to use Generative AI for translation as a last resort. In the event that an author chooses to use Generative AI to translate text, the author must note this in the appropriate footnote or citation.

V. Certification

By submitting an article to the Blog, the author consents that their article complies with the Blog's AI policy.

VI. Reservations

The Blog reserves the right not to publish any article that has been deemed non-compliant with this AI policy. In the event that an article is believed to be non-compliant with this policy, the Blog Editor-in-Chief or Deputy-Editor-in-Chief will directly discuss their concerns with the author alleged to have violated the AI policy.

- Contributing Editors, Associate Editors, and Staff Writers are encouraged to report suspected violations of this policy to the Editor-in-Chief or Deputy-Editor-in-Chief. The identity of the reporting party shall **not** be disclosed to the author alleged to be in breach.

VII. Removal of Blog Staff in the Event of Breach

If the author fails to dispel the Editor-in-Chief **and** Deputy-Editor-in-Chief's concerns, or cannot provide an adequate justification for the breach of the policy, the Editor-in-Chief and Deputy-Editor-in-Chief shall determine whether the article is incorrigibly contaminated with Generative AI usage.

- If the Editor-in-Chief and Deputy-Editor-in-Chief determine that the article may be corrected, the author may revise their article to conform with the AI policy.
- If, however, the Editor-in-Chief and Deputy-Editor-in-Chief decide that the use of Generative AI is too pervasive within the article for the possibility of rehabilitation, the article shall not be published.

The Blog reserves the right to remove any Blog member whom has been found to have breached the AI policy. Removal proceedings shall be as follows, depending on the party subject to potential removal:

- **Staff Writers:** The Editor-in-Chief, Deputy-Editor-in-Chief, and the individual(s) who reported the breach (if applicable) shall meet to discuss the Staff Writer's removal. The Staff Writer shall be removed if all parties so decide **unanimously**.
- **Editor-in-Chief, Deputy-Editor-in-Chief, Contributing Editors, and Associate Editors:** All Contributing Editors, Associate Editor(s) (if applicable), the Editor-in-Chief, the Deputy-Editor-in-Chief, and individual(s) who reported the breach (if applicable) **other than the alleged violator** shall meet to discuss the violator's removal. The violator shall be removed if all parties so decide **unanimously**.

Please contact vilsb@outlook.com should you have any questions, comments, or concerns.



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