ENSURING THE INTEGRITY OF COURT SUBMISSIONS WHEN USING GENERATIVE ARTIFICAL INTELLIGENCE ("AI")

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In light of the significant concerns surrounding the potential fabrication of legal authorities through generative artificial intelligence (AI), this Notice addresses the matter of legal references in submissions to the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia. Our joint commitment to reinforcing the integrity and credibility of legal proceedings is critical.

Caution: The Supreme Court urges practitioners and litigants to exercise caution when referencing legal authorities or analysis derived from generative AI in their submissions.

Reliance: For all references to case law, statutes or commentary in representations to this Court, it is essential that parties rely exclusively on authoritative sources such as official court websites, commonly referenced commercial publishers or well-established public services.

"Human in the Loop": In the interest of maintaining the highest standards of accuracy and authenticity, any AI-generated submissions must be verified with meaningful human control. Verification can be achieved through cross-referencing with reliable legal databases and ensuring that the citations and their content hold up to scrutiny. This accords with the longstanding practice of legal professionals.

The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia recognizes that emerging technologies bring both opportunities and challenges, and the legal community must adapt accordingly. Therefore, we encourage ongoing discussions and collaborations to navigate these complexities effectively.