



STATE BOARD OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION

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STANDING ORDER

DIRECTIVE OF THE BOARD **REGARDING USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND** **CERTIFICATION OF CITATIONS IN FILINGS**

This Directive is effective immediately and applies to filings submitted to the State Board of Workers' Compensation:

Purpose

This Directive governs the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in the preparation of briefs, motions, and other written submissions any person files at the State Board of Workers' Compensation.

Definition of "Use of AI"

For purposes of this Directive, "use of AI" includes relying on any generative artificial intelligence tool, whether for drafting, summarizing, editing, verifying, or analyzing legal or factual content in a filing. This does not include standard spell check or grammar tools embedded in word processors.

Certification Requirement for Attorneys and Unrepresented Parties

If an attorney or unrepresented party uses AI in any capacity to draft, edit, review, or check the contents of a filing, such attorney or unrepresented party shall disclose such use in the document by including the following certification at the end of the document before the signature:

This document was prepared with the assistance of one or more AI tools.

I certify under penalty of perjury that, despite reliance on an AI tool, I have independently reviewed the entire document to confirm accuracy, use of relevant and applicable law, and assertion of relevant and applicable legal theories.

I further certify under penalty of perjury that every citation to law, case, statute, rule, or the record in this document has been verified by me and is accurate and exists as cited and is reasonably believed by me to stand for the proposition cited.

If no AI tools were used, the attorney or unrepresented party must instead include the following statement:

I certify under penalty of perjury that no part of this document was prepared using any AI tools or platforms.

AI Generated Evidence

Any attorney or unrepresented party who submits evidence that has been created or modified using AI shall disclose the use of AI to the board at the time of submission of the evidence.

AI-generated evidence falls into two distinct categories. The first category is *acknowledged AI-generated evidence*. This evidence is openly disclosed as created or modified by AI, such as accident reconstruction videos or expert

analysis tools. Tendering this type of evidence with full-disclosure of the use of AI is permissible. The second category, is *unacknowledged AI-generated evidence*. This evidence is presented as authentic and unconnected to any AI creation or manipulation when it is, in fact, AI-generated or manipulated. Examples include deepfake videos, fabricated receipts, and manipulated photographs. Use of unacknowledged AI generated evidence is prohibited.

Enforcement

Failure to comply with this Order may result in the imposition of civil penalties. “Any person who willfully ... fails to follow any order or directive of the board or any of its members or administrative law judges ... shall be assessed a civil penalty of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$1,000.00 per violation.” OCGA § 34-9-18(a).

Use of unacknowledged AI generated evidence may result in civil penalties and/or referral of the offending party or attorney to the Criminal Investigation Division of the Enforcement Division of the State Board of Workers’ Compensation. See OCGA § 34-9-19 “Penalty for false or misleading statements when obtaining or denying benefits.”

Mistake, lack of expertise, and time constraints will not be accepted as good faith excuses for submission of documents that violate this directive.

Arguments in filings that are supported by case citations that do not exist and/or cannot reasonably be interpreted to stand for the proposition cited violate this directive.

This directive in no way limits or prevents an unrepresented party or attorney from arguing the facts of the claim. All parties and attorneys are free to submit their arguments without legal citations and rely on the facts to support their positions. This directive does not ban the use of AI. Rather, it requires transparency and accountability regarding the use of AI tools.

This order does not relieve any party or attorney of their existing ethical or professional responsibilities, including but not limited to Rules 1.1 (Competence)

and 3.1 (Meritorious Claims and Contentions) of the Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this the 26TH day of August, 2026.

Concurring: Frank R. McKay & Neera Bahl.

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