



Vermont Judiciary Committee on Artificial Intelligence and the Courts

CHARGE AND DESIGNATION

February 2024

INTRODUCTION

Given the recent upsurge of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies and their implications for legal practice and the administration of justice, it is advisable to form a committee to examine the issues related to the use of AI in courts and the impact that AI tools could have on court proceedings and court operations.

CHARGE

The Vermont Judiciary Committee on Artificial Intelligence and the Courts (“Committee”) is charged with:

- * Considering whether current court rules are adequate to address generative AI usage, and if not, develop amended rules or guidelines on practice or procedure to consider with respect to disclosure, transparency, accuracy, authenticity, confidentiality, and certification of generative AI use in court documents and proceedings.
- * Reviewing the rules of professional conduct to determine whether current rules are adequate to address generative AI usage, and if not, suggest changes by proposing amended rules.
- * Reviewing the role of AI in improving case processing and case flow management and developing policy suggestions regarding judge and court staff education and training on the use of AI, awareness of AI products’ terms and conditions regarding use of data for large

language model training purposes, and RFP requirements when seeking new technology products that include generative AI functionality.

The Committee may create subcommittees to address areas or issues as needed and is encouraged to invite stakeholders and subject matter experts to participate in discussions relating to their interests or expertise. Subcommittees may include non-Committee members.

The Office of the Court Administrator will provide the Committee with necessary administrative assistance.

COMPOSITION

The Committee shall include:

A Supreme Court Justice

A Superior Court Judge

The State Court Administrator or Designee

The Chief Superior Court Judge or Designee

Vermont Bar Counsel

The Chief of Trial Court Operations or Designee

The Chief of Technology Services or Designee

The Chief of Planning and Court Services or Designee

The Chief of Finance and Administration or Designee

The Vermont Bar Association President or Designee

The State Court Administrator General Counsel

Vermont Attorney General or Designee from the AGO AI Working Group

A Vermont Judiciary Law Clerk

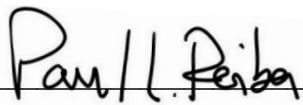
An individual with expertise regarding Artificial Intelligence in the legal arena

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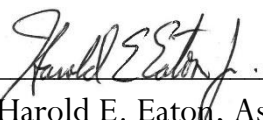
The Committee shall report to the Vermont Supreme Court on its findings and any recommendations regarding this Charge and Designation annually, beginning March 1, 2025.

This Charge and Designation becomes effective upon signing and shall continue until directed otherwise by the Vermont Supreme Court.

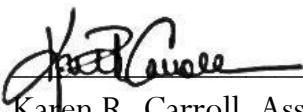
Signed at Montpelier, Vermont on March 4, 2024.




Paul L. Reiber, Chief Justice



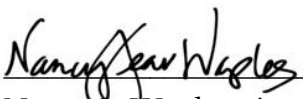
Harold E. Eaton, Associate Justice



Karen R. Carroll, Associate Justice



William D. Cohen, Associate Justice



Nancy J. Waples, Associate Justice