

Notice to the Profession

Generative Artificial Intelligence Practice Note

16 April 2026

Following internal and external consultations, the Federal Court of Australia published the Generative Artificial Intelligence Practice Note on 16 April 2026.

This Practice Note sets out the Federal Court’s expectations and guidance regarding the use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in connection with proceedings before the Court. It explains what Generative Artificial Intelligence is, recognises its potential benefits for efficiency, cost reduction and access to justice, and emphasises that its use must be responsible and consistent with existing legal and professional obligations.

The Practice Note identifies circumstances in which particular caution is required, including the preparation of pleadings, submissions, evidence and dealings with confidential or protected information, and explains when disclosure of the use of Generative Artificial Intelligence may be required.

Throughout 2024–25, the Federal Court actively considered the implications of Generative Artificial Intelligence for court proceedings. Judges discussed whether guidance should be issued, informed by a public statement of the Chief Justice on 28 March 2025 ([hyperlink](#)) and a Notice to the Profession issued on 29 April 2025 ([hyperlink](#)).

In developing its approach, the Court focused on balancing the administration of justice with the responsible adoption of emerging technologies, while maintaining parties’ accountability for material filed. The Court also committed to consultation with the legal profession, litigants and other courts.

That work culminated in the development and approval of the Practice Note, reflecting the Court’s principled approach to the responsible use of emerging technologies in the administration of justice.

The Court proposes to convene a symposium in the coming months to consider the challenges and benefits of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Federal Court proceedings, in the context of the Practice Note and current developments in the use of AI in legal proceedings.

Chief Justice Mortimer
16 April 2026