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### AI STANDARDS TO TRANSFORM JAMAICAN COURTS

**Kingston, Jamaica — October 8, 2025:** Jamaica has become one of the first Caribbean countries to implement clear rules for how Artificial Intelligence (AI) can be used in its courts. The new guidelines, announced today by the Honourable Chief Justice Bryan Sykes, OJ, CD, are designed to ensure that AI enhances justice delivery without undermining fairness, accuracy, or integrity.

The rules apply to the Supreme Court of Judicature of Jamaica, the Revenue Court, and the High Court and the Circuit Divisions of the Gun Court. They set out how attorneys, litigants, and court staff may responsibly use Generative AI (GenAI) tools in preparing and managing court-related documents.

While acknowledging that there is a growing use of AI in the preparation of legal documents, the Chief Justice is calling for its responsible, secure and transparent use as that will be critical to maintaining the integrity of the Judicial process. He said, *“Generative AI will enhance efficiency and streamline court operations, it will simplify the preparation of legal submissions, reduce clerical delays, ease the filing process, and support self-represented litigants. Court staff will also use AI to improve document management, case scheduling, and information retrieval — ensuring proceedings are faster, more accurate, and transparent.”*

Among the directives issued by the Chief Justice is a caution to attorneys to thoroughly review documents done with the assistance of AI before submission to the court. Chief Justice Sykes went further and indicated that, “court documents generated with the use of AI should not contain fabricated case law, misapplied authorities or hallucinations, which if present in documents may lead the court to refuse admission of those documents, cost orders against parties responsible for such errors or other appropriate sanctions.

**Key provisions of the Practice Direction include:**

- Prohibition on using AI to draft affidavits, witness statements, expert evidence, or fabricated case law.
- Disclosure requirements, including a declaration of AI use and verification.
- Sanctions for misuse, including costs orders, contempt proceedings, or referral to the General Legal Council.

He added, *“For ordinary Jamaicans, these changes mean faster access to justice, clearer processes, and a system that works for everyone.* With courts worldwide navigating the opportunities and risks of AI, Jamaica’s framework stands out for its clarity and balance. By encouraging innovation while guarding against abuse, the Judiciary has positioned the island as a regional leader in using technology to strengthen the rule of law.

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