

Justice in the AI Age: Supporting Self-Represented Litigants



The large number of self-represented litigants (SRLs) presents significant challenges to the administration of justice. In some courts, upwards of 80-90% of family law cases involve at least one SRL. Studies show a high percentage of pro se claims fail to survive preliminary motions. This session examines the potential of artificial intelligence to assist in these contexts. Participants will explore how AI-powered tools can support judges in managing SRL cases more effectively, enhance meaningful access to justice for SRLs, and help streamline demanding court operations, offering practical insights for navigating the evolving landscape of law and AI from a judicial perspective.

Upon completing this session, attendees will be able to:

1. **Judicial Augmentation & Associated Ethics:** Analyze how AI-driven tools (for example, for case summarization, legal research assistance, and evidence review) can enhance judicial efficiency and augment capabilities in managing cases involving SRLs, and assess the primary ethical considerations and responsibilities associated with the judicial use of such augmentation technologies.
2. **Access to Justice:** Evaluate AI applications designed for SRLs (including legal guidance systems, plain-language translation tools, and interactive coaching platforms) and their capacity to improve access to justice and inform judicial approaches to managing these cases.
3. **Court Operations Enhancement:** Assess the potential benefits of implementing AI to improve court operations, with a focus on reducing burdens on judicial and court staff and enhancing data-informed judicial administration

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