

Use of Artificial Intelligence

Pro se parties are strongly encouraged to be cautious when using Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools such as ChatGPT. AI does not alleviate a party's responsibility for making sure that all facts and legal authorities cited in court filings are accurate. The failure to do so may result in sanctions under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Those sanctions could include, if appropriate, dismissal of your lawsuit.

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11(b) provides as follows:

By presenting to the court a pleading, written motion, or other paper—whether by signing, filing, submitting, or later advocating it—an attorney or unrepresented party certifies that to the best of the person's knowledge, information, and belief, formed after an inquiry reasonable under the circumstances:

- (1) it is not being presented for any improper purpose, such as to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation;
- (2) the claims, defenses, and other legal contentions are warranted by existing law or by a nonfrivolous argument for extending, modifying, or reversing existing law or for establishing new law;
- (3) the factual contentions have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery; and
- (4) the denials of factual contentions are warranted on the evidence or, if specifically so identified, are reasonably based on belief or a lack of information.

Again, you are responsible for making sure that your use of AI conforms with Rule 11.