

# H A R V A R D L A W R E V I E W

## WRITING COMPETITION POLICY ON AI USE

### ***Restrictions on AI Use***

Any and all use of generative AI tools to prepare your submission is strictly prohibited. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, the use of ChatGPT, Claude, and other LLM-based tools to generate, edit, revise, summarize, or otherwise assist in preparing your submission.

All work submitted for the Case Comment and Subcite portions of the Writing Competition must be your own work, drafted for the first time during the Competition. You may not rely on any external assistance or materials beyond the instructions and materials provided to you by *HLR*. Copying and pasting any content directly from any external source is strictly prohibited.

*HLR* employs various tools to review competitors' materials and assess compliance with this policy. To prevent AI use, Competitors will be prohibited from printing Competition materials absent an approved Disability Accommodations Request. Additionally, Competitors will need to be connected to the internet to open sources, draft their Case Comment, and add comments to the Subcite portion. Thus, Competitors should plan to work somewhere they will have Wi-Fi access.

### ***Attestation of Compliance with the Competition's Policy on AI Use***

Each Competitor must include at the top of their Case Comment document an attestation, in their own words, that: (1) they read the Competition's Policy on AI Use, (2) they did not use generative AI tools in any prohibited manner, and (3) that all submitted work is entirely their own.

For illustrative purposes, an attestation might read: "I affirm that I read the Competition's Policy on AI Use, that I did not use any generative AI during the Competition, and that all work is entirely my own." Competitors should use their own language for their attestation.

### ***Consequences for Violations of the Competition's Policy on AI Use***

The consequence for violation of the Competition's Policy on AI Use is disqualification.

In the event of suspected AI use in violation of this policy, a Competitor will be referred to *HLR*'s Competition Disciplinary Committee, which is composed of recently graduated *HLR* Editors. The committee will review relevant evidence to assess whether a violation occurred. If the Committee finds it more likely than not a Competitor used AI, the Competitor will be invited to: (1) resign from the Competition without consequence or (2) explain the discrepancies in their materials.

If such Competitor chooses to explain the discrepancies, they may submit a written statement or provide an explanation to the Committee via Zoom, and a decision as to their continued eligibility will be rendered. The decision, once communicated to the Competitor, is final and unappealable.