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AI, Access to Justice, & Court- Appointed Neutrals

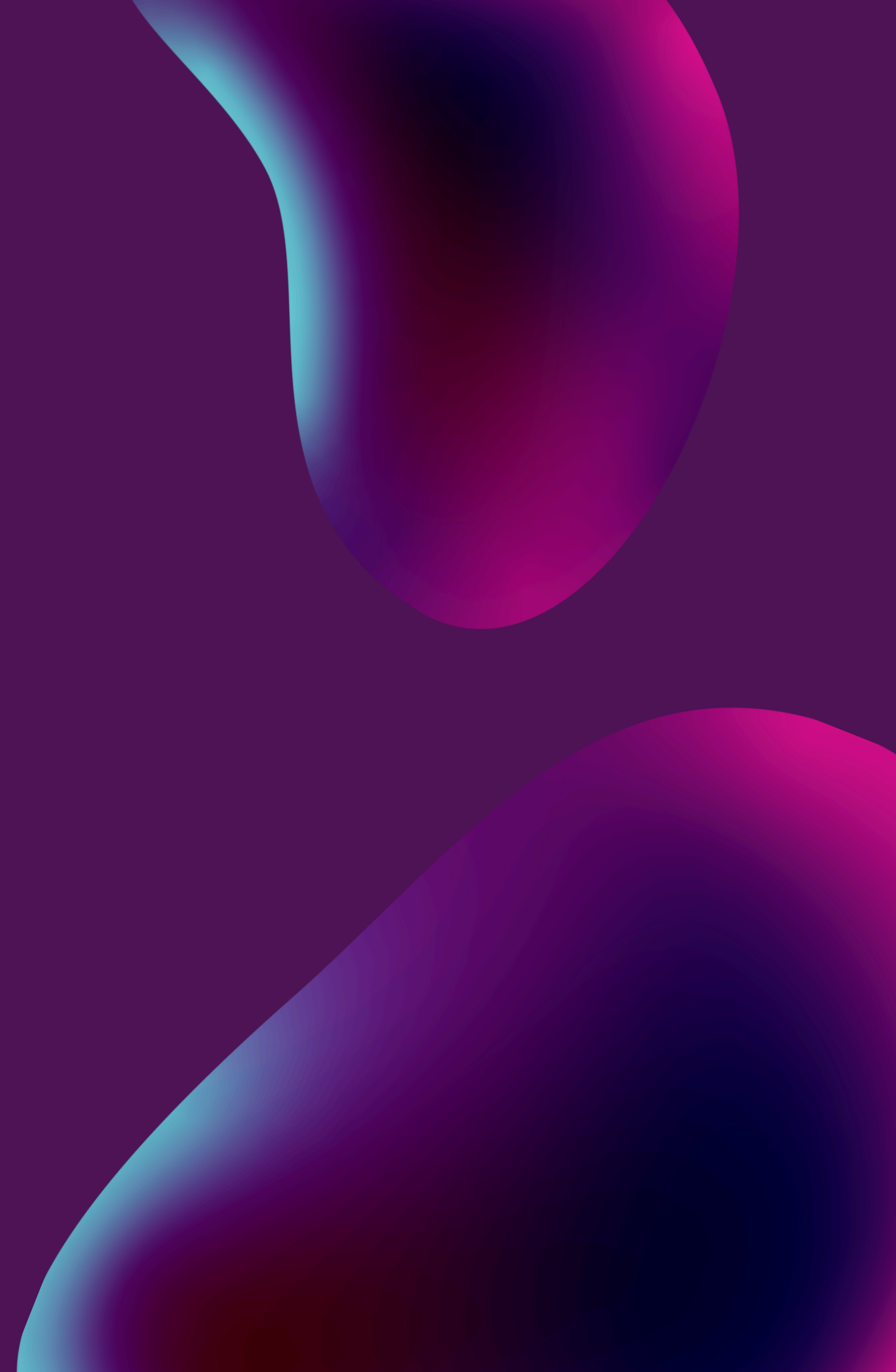
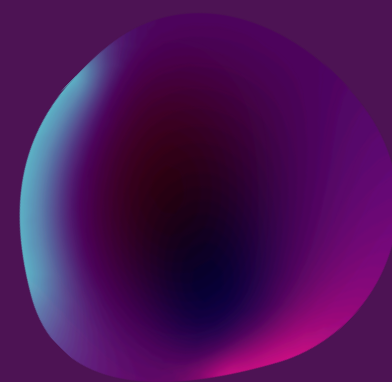
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Introduction





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Judge, Colorado Court of Appeals



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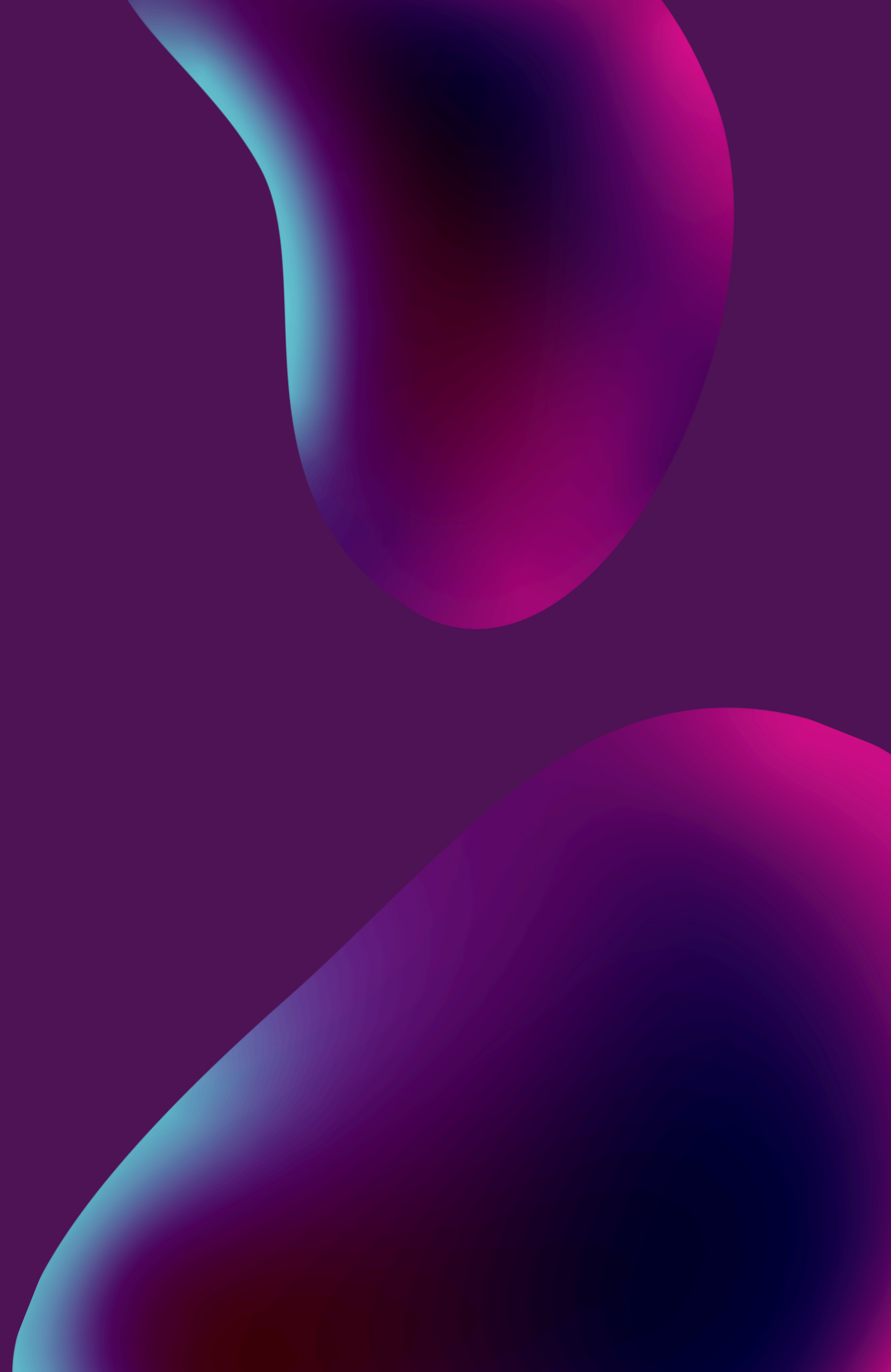
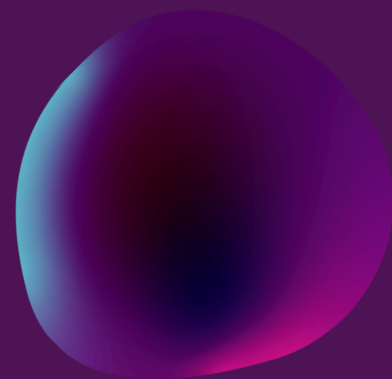
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"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice
everywhere"

-Martin Luther King, Jr., Letter from a
Birmingham Jail, April 16, 1963

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AI & Access to Justice



The Widening Justice Gap

92%

Low-income Americans did not receive any or enough legal help for 92% of their civil legal problems.

74%

3 in 4 (74%) low-income households experienced 1+ civil legal problems in the past year.

55%

1 in 2 (55%) low-income Americans who personally experienced a problem say these problems substantially impacted their lives.

Justice Gap Impact

SENIORS

1

7.6 million seniors below 125% of poverty.
70% of senior households had 1+ problems in the past year.

VETERANS

6

1.6 million veterans below 125% of poverty.
76% of veteran households had 1+ problems in the past year.

CHILDREN (< 18 yrs)

5

15.2 million children below 125% of poverty.
83% of households with children < 18 yrs had 1+ problems in the past year.



2

RURAL COMMUNITIES

8 million people below 125% of poverty in rural areas.
77% of rural households had 1+ problems in the past year.

3

HIGH HOUSING COSTS

15 million households with high housing costs have annual incomes <\$25,000.
84% of households with high housing costs had 1+ problems in the past year.

4

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

98% of households with recent domestic violence had 1+ problems in the past year (excluding problems involving domestic violence).

Data source: 2021 Justice Gap Measurement Survey from the 2022 Justice Gap Study published by the Legal Services Corporation

AI & Access to Justice

BENEFITS

- AI can be used to provide self-represented litigants guidance on court-provided forms
- AI can provide simplified and/or translated explanations of legal concepts and directions

CHALLENGES

- Understanding the threshold for when an emerging GenAI tool might be considered an **unauthorized practice of law** (UPL)
- General public's ability to discern between "good" and "bad" advice from GenAI tool
- Burdening already over-burdened courts as they navigate risks of **hallucinations** and other GenAI errors

Can Robot Lawyers Close the Access to Justice Gap?

Generative AI, the Unauthorized Practice of Law, and Self-Represented Litigants

BY MARIA E. BERKENKOTTER AND LINO S. LIPINSKY DE ORLOV



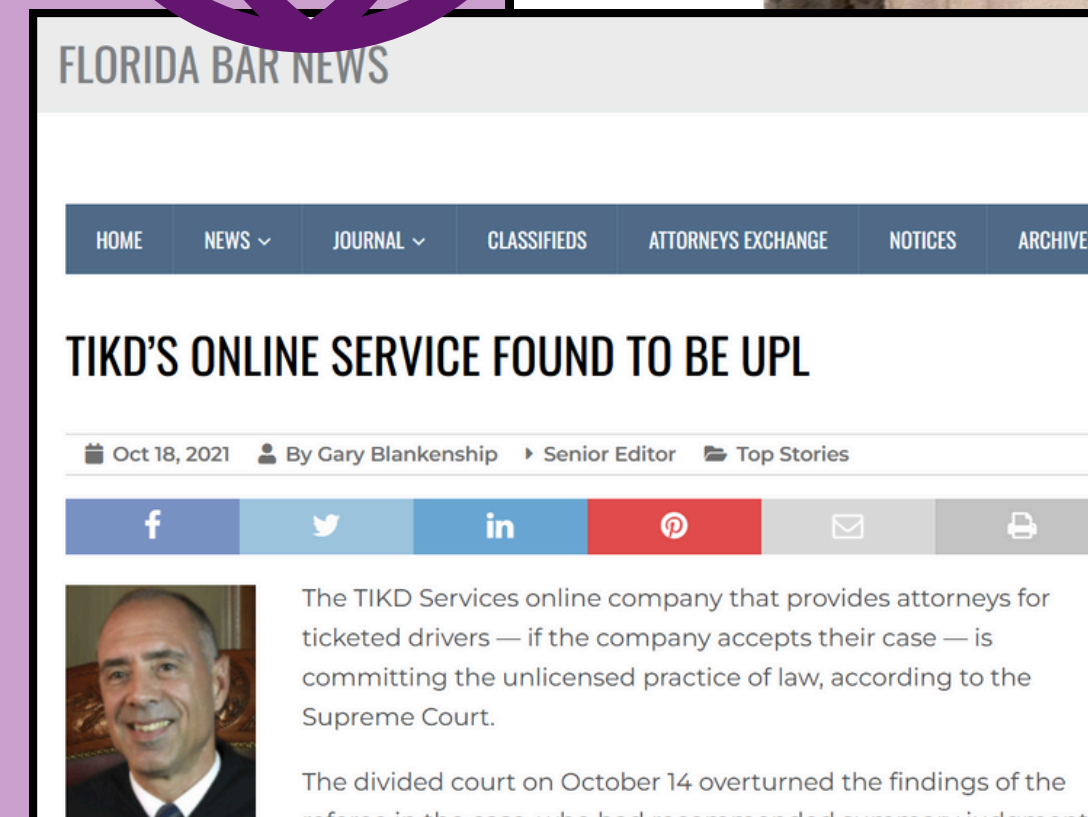
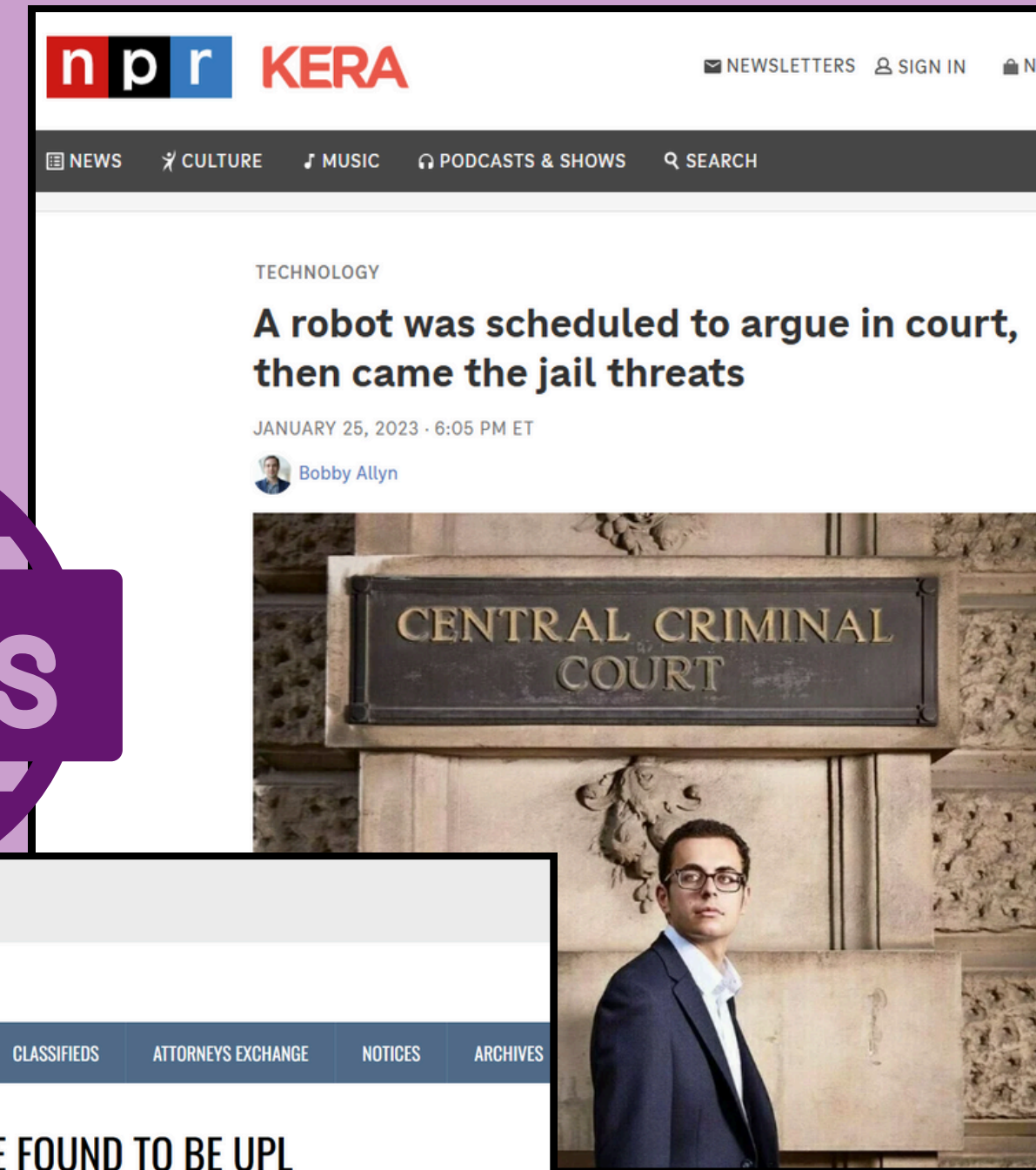
AI & UPL: Colorado Case Study

EXISTING UPL RULES

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UPL RULES, REVISITED

- January 18, 2024, the Access to Justice Commission requested that the Court review the UPL Rules “to determine if revisions should be made to accommodate technological advances that will impact the practice of law and access to justice.”
- Concern by the Commission that the UPL Rules “may block the adoption of new technologies in Colorado for use in the legal system.”
- Supreme Court of Colorado formed a subcommittee of the Advisory Committee on the Practice of Law



AI & Ethics: Self-Representing Litigants in Colorado

Colorado Appellate Rules

- C.A.R. 28(a)(7)(B): Requires that an appellant's opening brief provide “a clear and concise discussion of the grounds upon which the party relies in seeking a reversal ... of the judgment ... of the lower court or tribunal, with citations to the authorities ... on which the appellant relies.”
- C.A.R. 38(a): Appellate court may dismiss an appeal ... or impose other sanctions it deems appropriate, including attorney fees”

Al Hamim v. Star Hearthstone, LLC, -- P.3d -- (2024)

- Self-represented litigant filed a brief with multiple GenAI hallucinated case citations
- Matter of first impression in Colorado court of appeals
- The court declined to impose sanctions due to the plaintiff's status as a self-represented litigant and, instead, warned the plaintiff and other self-represented litigants that future submissions of false citations would likely result in sanctions



03

AI Access to Justice Founders

Legal Tech Disruptions for A2J

Document preparation tools

Some organizations have developed custom tools that dramatically reduce the time legal aid attorneys spend on paperwork, cutting tasks from two hours to just 15 minutes

Chatbots

In Nebraska and North Carolina, chatbots are helping clients identify their legal issues, create forms, and navigate self-help resources

AI and web scraping

A few organizations are experimenting with AI tools like Microsoft's Copilot for internal use. Others use web scraping to proactively offer services to people with upcoming court dates, particularly in eviction cases

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Selected LRT Features at Launch

- AI-powered **knowledge graph** that surfaces the legal issues in a case and identifies other cases that address the same or similar issues. More than 6 million unique legal issues!
- AI-generated **narrative IRAC summaries** -- more than 3.6 million!
- Brief checker for pinpointing citation errors (AKA an anti hallucination “**Cytationator**”)
- And much more!

Coming Soon...

- AI Citator, Keyword Search, and more!

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which to bring their claim. In *Shaboon v. Egvptair*, **2013 IL App (1st) 111279-U** (Ill. App. Ct. 2013), the Illinois Appellate Court held that state courts have concurrent jurisdiction over claims arising out of an international airline accident under the Montreal Convention, and that the plaintiff was not required to bring their claim in federal court. The Court noted that the Montreal Convention allows for jurisdiction to be established in the courts of the country where the passenger has their domicile or principal place of business, and that the plaintiff had satisfied this requirement by filing their claim in state court in Illinois.
Similarly, in *Peterson v. Iran Air*, **905 F. Supp. 2d 121** (D.D.C. 2012), the District Court for
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1. Plotnik v. Meihaus

California Court of Appeal, California. 2012-08-31

Closest matching summarized excerpt from Lead Opinion opinion [Legal Analysis](#)

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En julio de 2008, Joyce Plotnik y su amiga llevaron a sus hijos a nadar en una piscina. Joyce vio a un hombre llamado Meihaus sentado al lado de la piscina, mirándola durante unos 20 minutos, lo que la hizo sentir muy incómoda. Meihaus luego dijo que no recordaba el incidente. Joyce tuvo otros problemas con Meihaus, como cuando le dijo que no dejara que su perro hiciera pipí en los jardines, y cuando pasó por ella y su amiga, haciéndolas sentir asustadas.

En octubre de 2008, Joyce y su familia encontraron que parte de su cerca había sido cortada y algunos árboles estaban dañados después de volver de vacaciones. El 9 de abril de 2009, el esposo de Joyce, David, estaba en su patio trasero con su perro pequeño, Romeo, cuando escuchó un fuerte golpe. Cuando David abrió la puerta, Romeo corrió al patio de Meihaus. Luego, David oyó a Romeo ladrar y luego quejarse. Cuando regresó, vio a Meihaus sosteniendo un bate y enfrentándolo. David le gritó a Meihaus, preguntándole por qué le había pegado a Romeo. Meihaus dijo que solo estaba tratando de guiar al perro de regreso y negó haberlo golpeado.

Después de esto, Romeo tuvo problemas para caminar, y la familia lo llevó al veterinario. El veterinario dijo que la lesión en la pierna de Romeo era grave y necesitaba cirugía, que costó

History

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Plotnik v. Meihaus

Docket: No. G045885; No. G046260; California Court of Appeal; August 31, 2012; California State Appellate

Court

This case involves plaintiffs who brought suit against their neighbors, alleging both contract breaches and tort claims primarily seeking damages for emotional distress after an incident where their dog was injured. The jury awarded significant damages to the plaintiffs, including for emotional distress, leading to an appeal by the defendants. The court addressed several legal issues, including the recovery of emotional distress damages under trespass to personal property and negligent infliction of emotional distress. The court differentiated this case from precedent, allowing emotional distress damages for intentional harm to a pet. It also reversed several jury awards where the legal standards for claims such as negligent infliction of emotional distress were not met. In contract claims, emotional distress damages were upheld where the contract aimed to protect emotional well-being. The court found no merit in the defendants' challenges to the breach of contract findings and attorney fee awards. Ultimately, the appellate court reversed some damages for emotional distress while affirming others, emphasizing adherence to contract terms and the scope of legal duties owed in negligence claims.

Attorney Fees in Contract Claims [see similar](#)

Attorney fees were awarded based on a contractual clause, as the plaintiffs prevailed on the contract claim, affirming the fee award's validity.

Breach of Contract and Emotional Distress [see similar](#)

The court upheld emotional distress damages in breach of a contract intended to protect emotional well-being, rejecting claims that the awards were excessive.

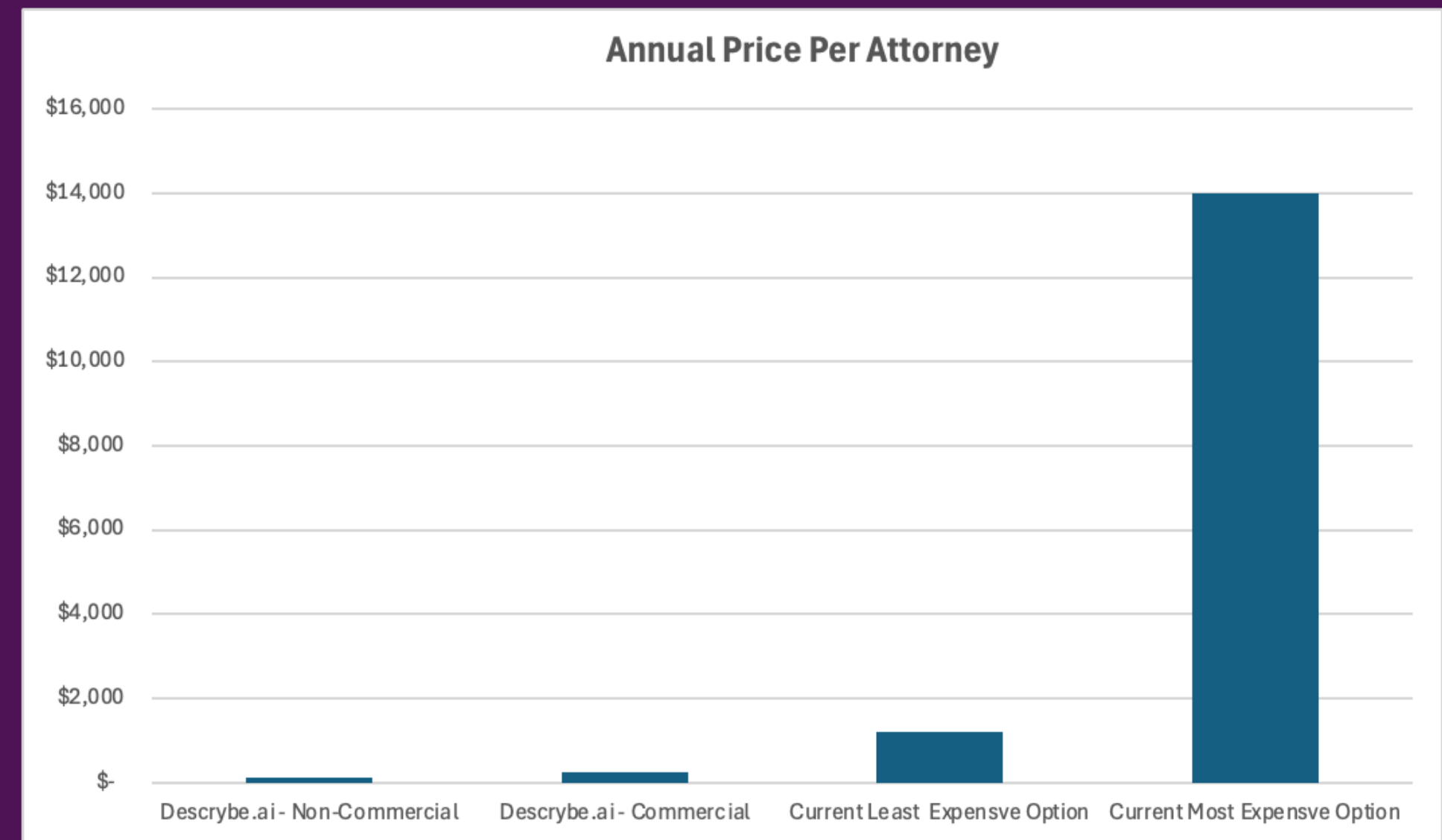
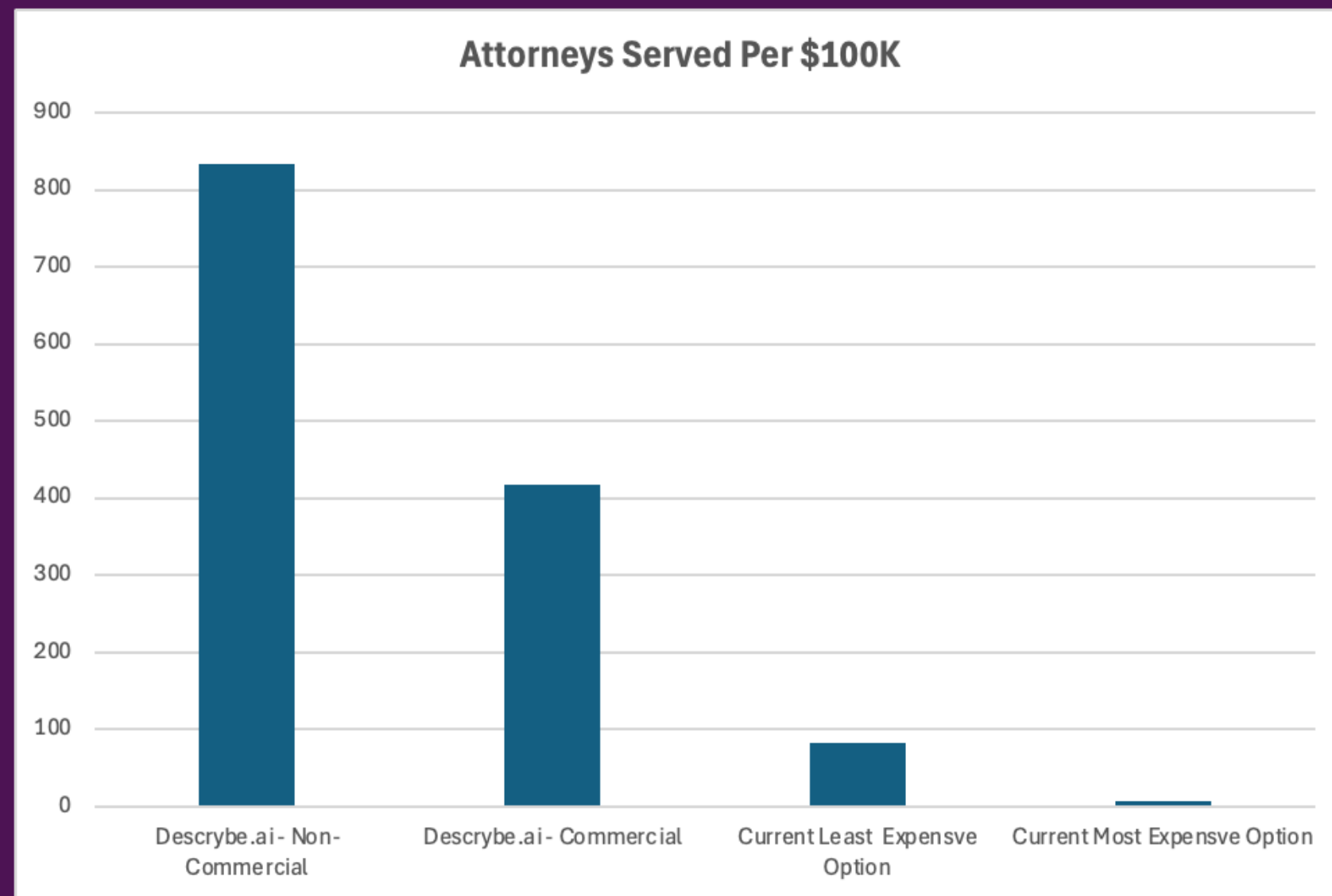
Emotional Distress Damages in Trespass to Personal Property [see similar](#)

The court allowed emotional distress damages for intentional interference with personal property when a pet is injured, differentiating this case from precedents that did not involve trespass claims.

Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress [see similar](#)

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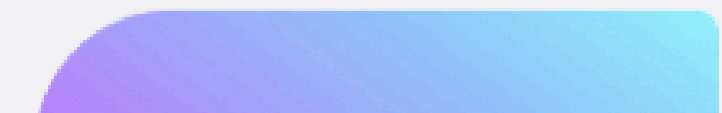


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Percent of pretrial
population that is
Black

Prison Policy Initiative

25%

Pretrial detainees
in jail for non-
violent offenses

Prison Policy Initiative

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Average number of
adult criminal cases
per attorney

*The Association of
Prosecuting Attorneys*

SIID Technologies *Demo*

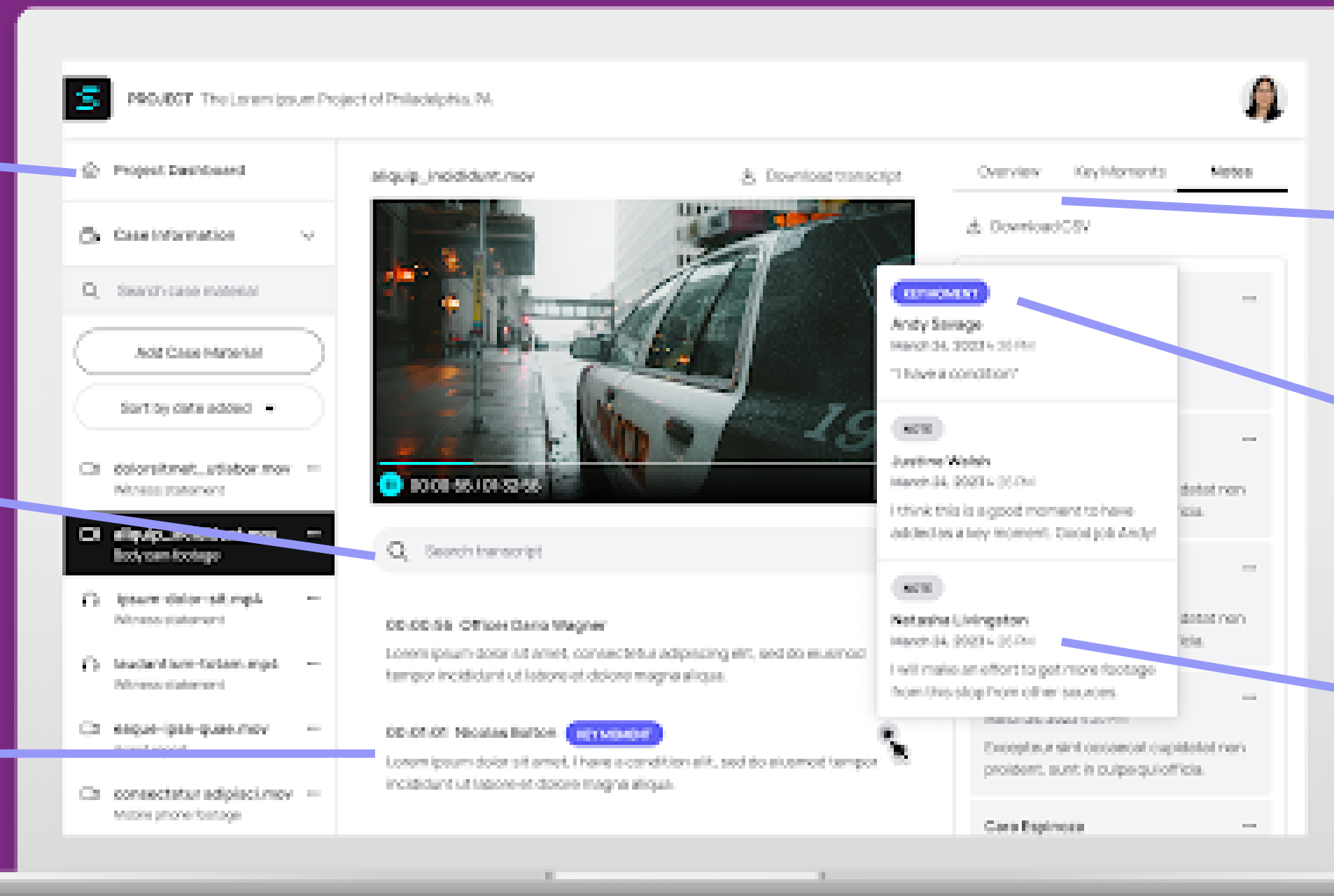


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ironing out the kinks.

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Access to Justice & Neutrals

How can AI help CANs?

Legal Research

AI tools can quickly find relevant case law, statutes, and legal precedents, saving time and improving accuracy

Drafting Orders

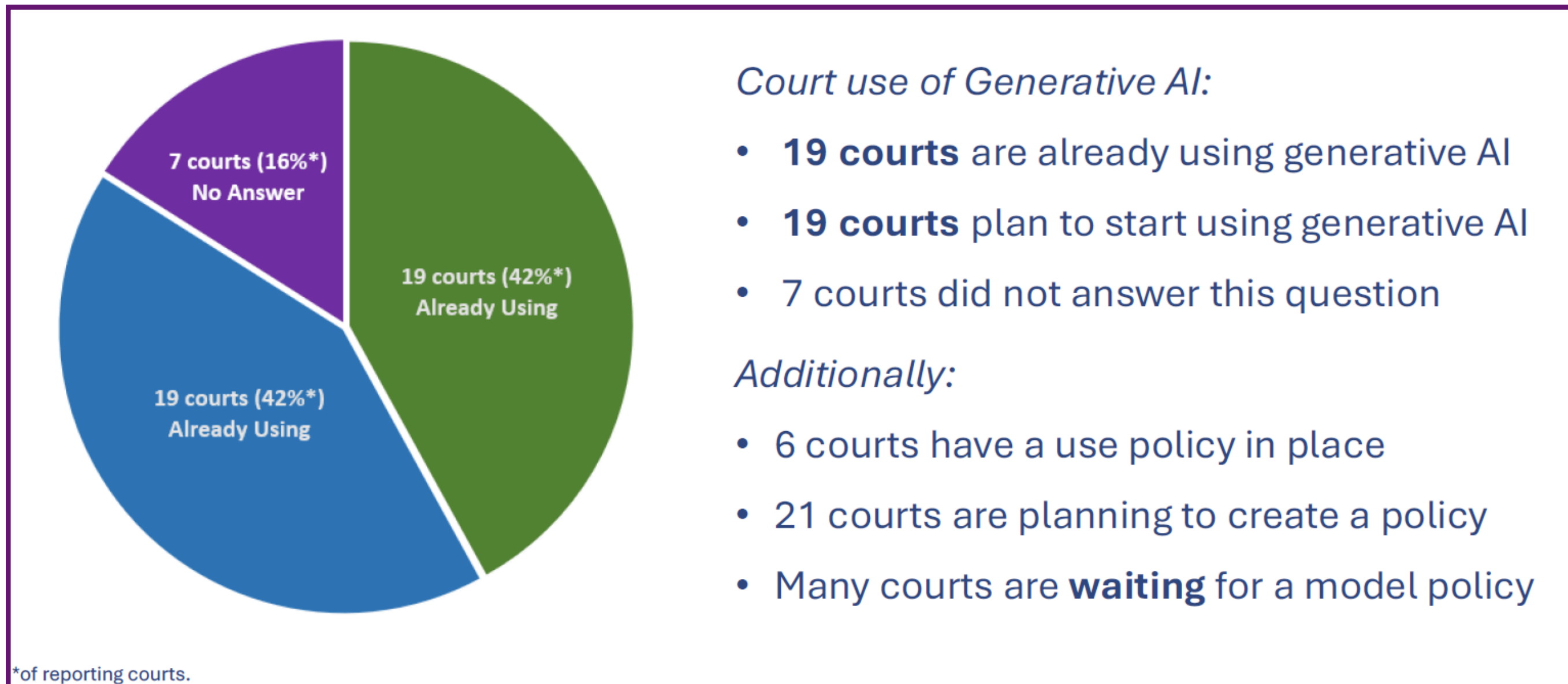
AI can automate the creation of routine administrative orders, reducing workload and ensuring compliance

Document Summarization

AI can summarize large volumes of legal documents, helping professionals quickly understand key points and arguments

Source: Hon. Herbert B. Dixon Jr. et al., Navigating AI in the Judiciary: New Guidelines for Judges and Their Chambers, 26 SEDONA CONF. J. 1 (forthcoming 2025)

California State Court Survey



How can CANs help the Judiciary with AI?

Technical Expertise

Provide crucial technical insights to the judiciary and assess the reliability and biases of AI evidence, including emerging issues related to deepfakes or synthetic data

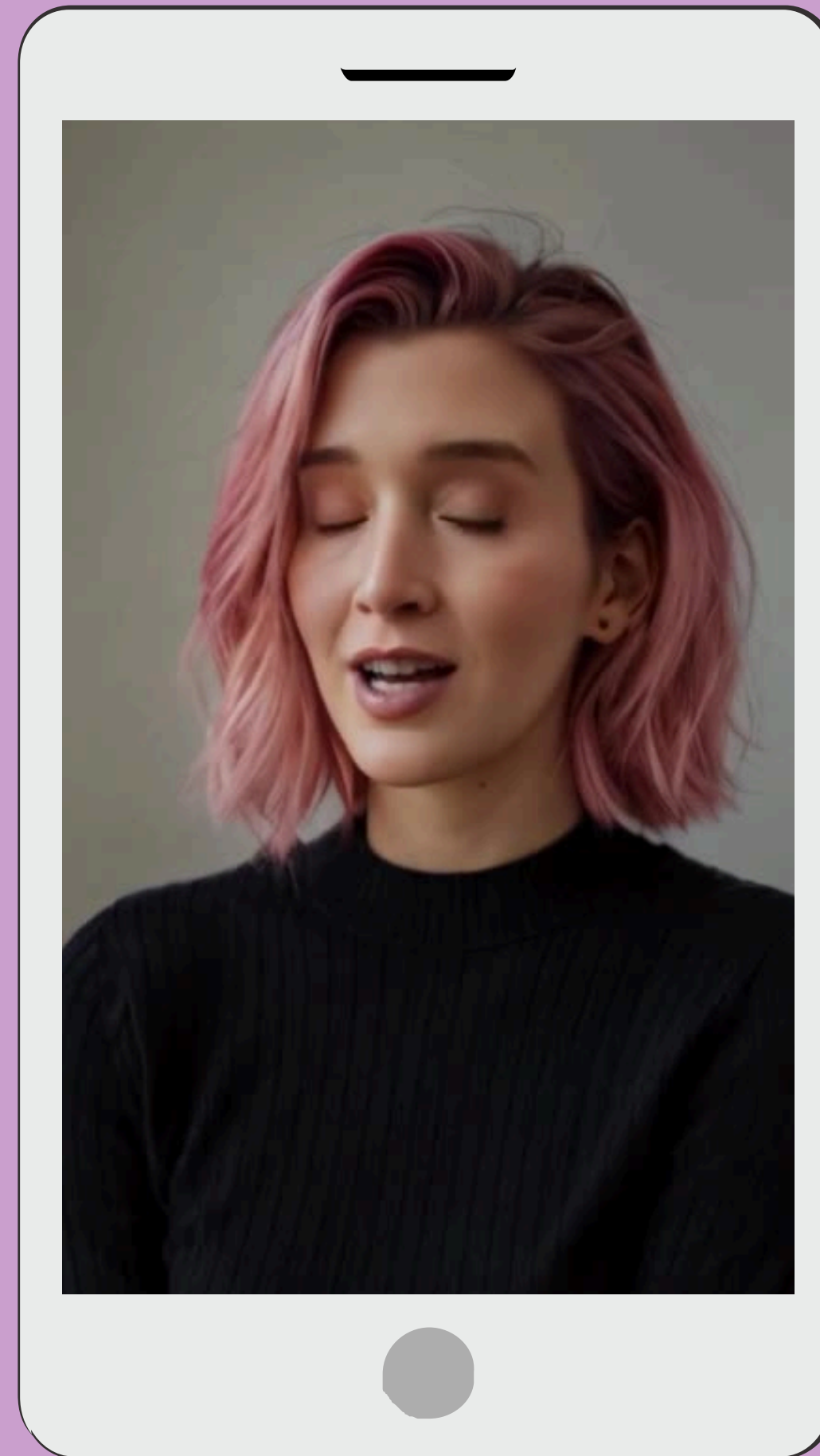
Tracking AI Developments

Be a resource to the judiciary by tracking new AI developments and new legal opinions related to AI (initial list of resources will be provided)

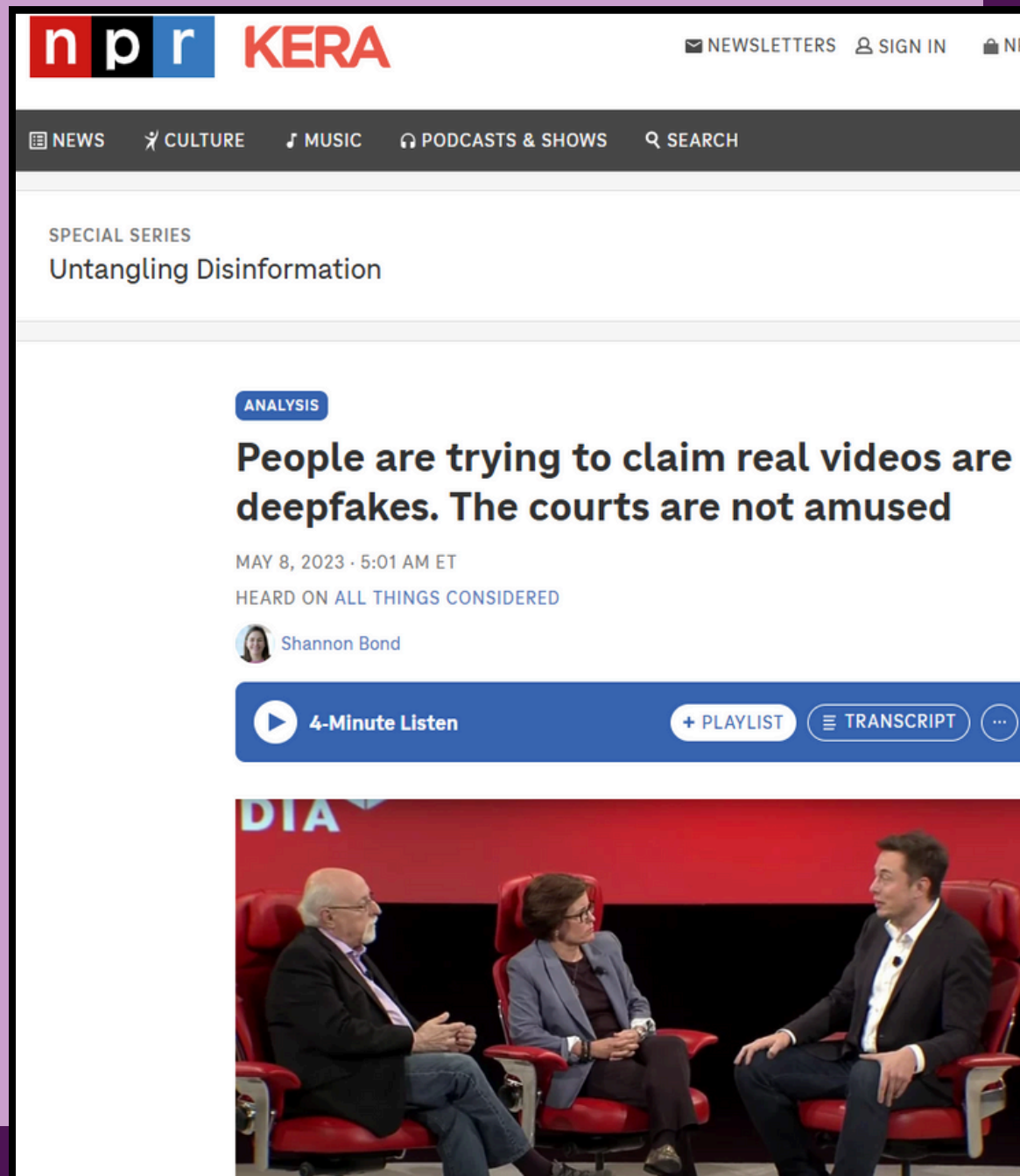
Training and Education

Enhance the judiciary's understanding of AI by developing and delivering training programs, educational materials, and organizing workshops on emerging AI trends and legal implications

Focus on Deepfakes



Deepfake Case Study: The Liar's Dividend



THE CASE

- Huang v. Tesla Inc., 19CV346663, California Superior Court, Santa Clara County (San Jose)
- Video evidence featuring Musk was at issue; Tesla's counsel argued it shouldn't be available as evidence because of the potential for deepfaked content
- Judge did not find these claims persuasive: "What Tesla is contending is deeply troubling to the Court"

THE LIAR'S DIVIDEND

- A term coined by law professors Bobby Chesney and Danielle Citron in a 2018 paper laying out the challenges deepfakes present to privacy, democracy, and national security
- As people become more aware of how easy it is to fake audio and video, bad actors can weaponize that skepticism
- Creates the potential for greater burden on the courts to navigate

Deepfake Case Study: Expert Reports

The Stanford Daily

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Stanford misinformation expert accused of using AI to fabricate court statement



HALLUCINATING EXPERTS

- Kohls v. Ellison, No. 24-CV-3754, 2025 WL 66514 (D. Minn. Jan. 10, 2025).
- Expert for Defendant filed a declaration that contained 15 citations, two of which couldn't be found
- Plaintiffs asked the court to throw out the expert report, Defendant asked to file an amended expert report to correct the fake citations

AUTHENTICATION CHALLENGES

- Court noted expert filed report “under penalty of perjury” which “is not a mere formality”
- Court excluded Hancock’s testimony - “trust is broken”
- Court reminded Defendant has a responsibility to “validate the truth and legal reasonableness of the papers filed,” and suggested that in the future they should ask witnesses whether or not they used AI to produce any of their material

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AI & Access to Justice Discussion



THANK YOU!