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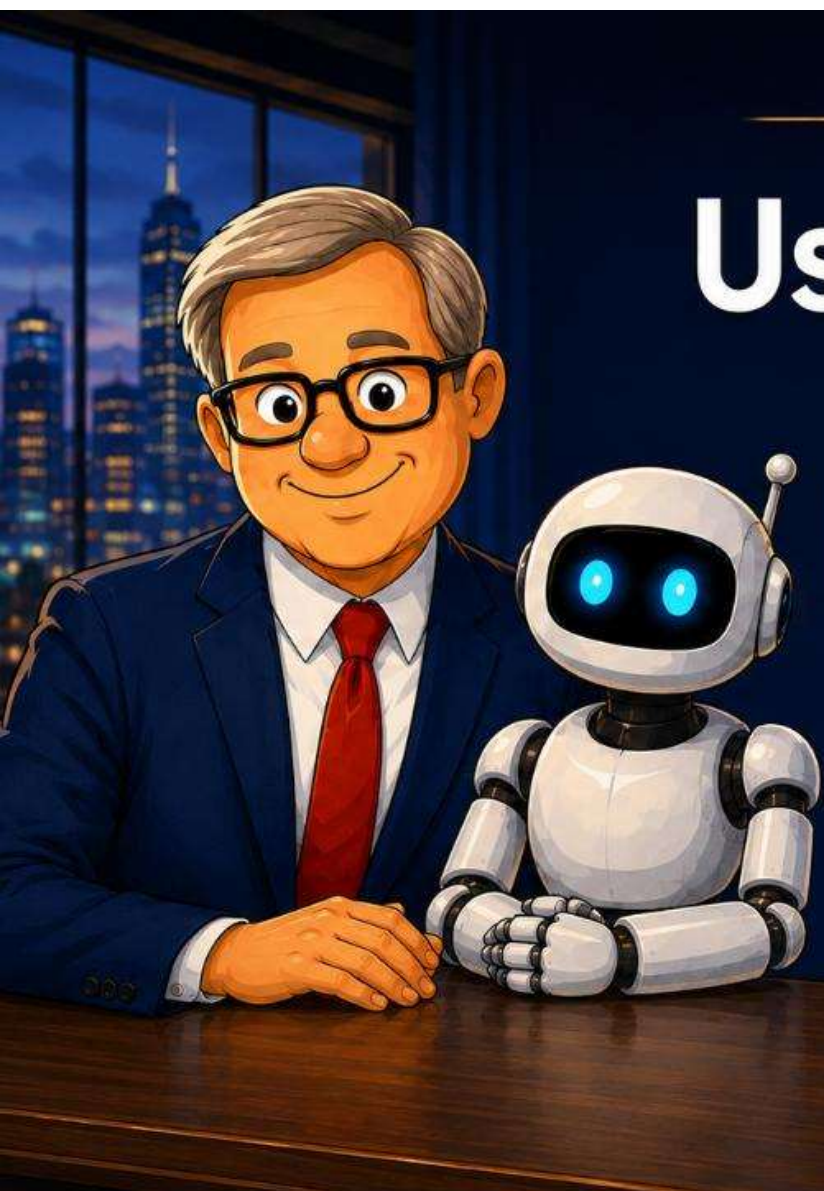
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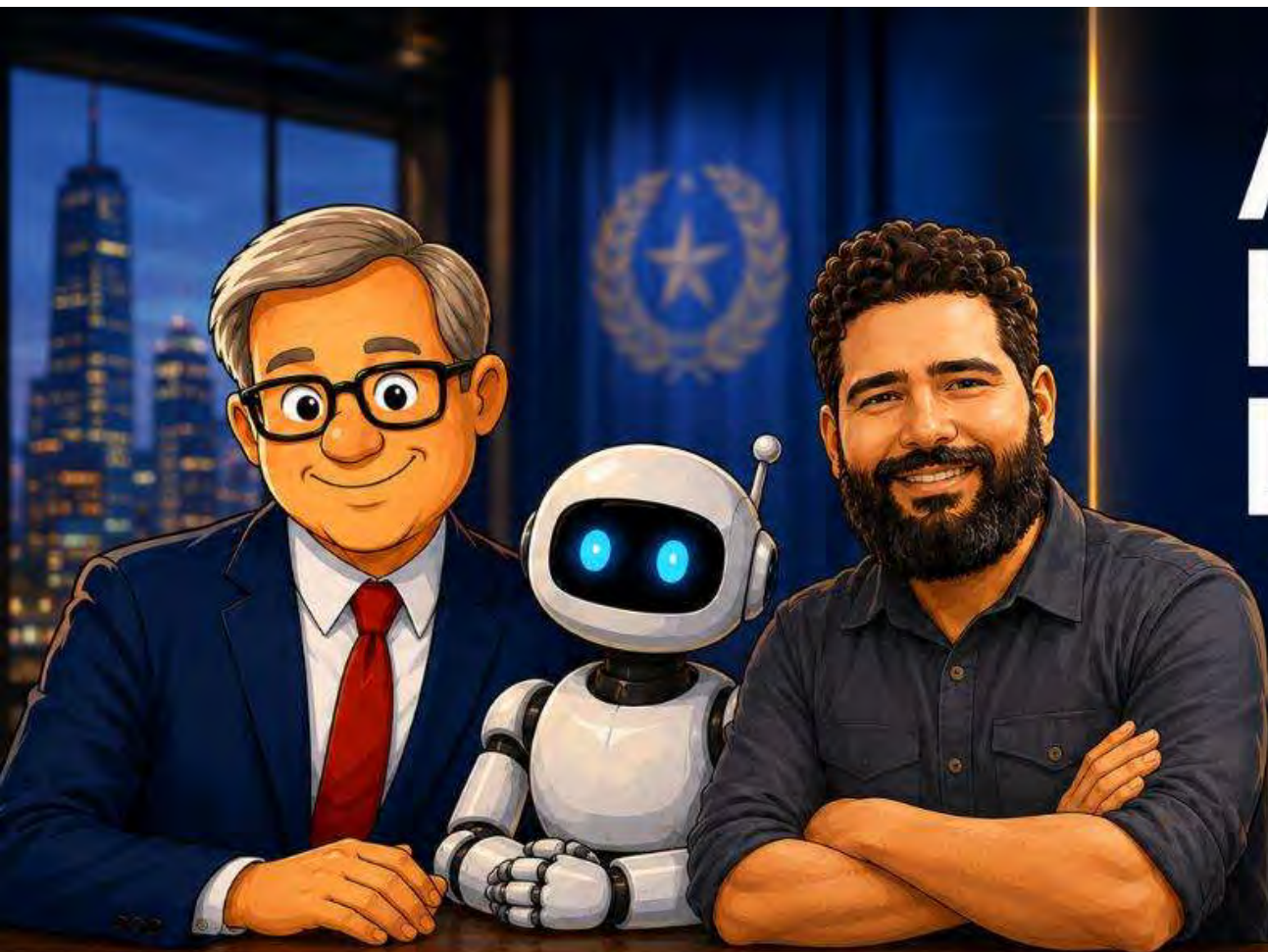


Using ChatGPT in Your Law Practice

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OpenAI Model Changes: May–July 2026



June 22, 2026 – GPT-5.5-Cyber & Daybreak

- Introduced specialized cybersecurity capabilities.
- Added Codex Security for vulnerability detection and validation.
- Provided stronger access controls for advanced defensive cybersecurity work.



July 9, 2026 – GPT-5.6 Family

- Introduced GPT-5.6 Sol, Terra, and Luna.
- Sol became OpenAI's strongest model for complex reasoning and professional work.
- Added stronger coding, science, computer-use, long-context, and cybersecurity capabilities.
- Added Max reasoning effort for deeper analysis.
- Added Ultra mode, using subagents for complex assignments.
- Improved adherence to document templates and PowerPoint Slide Masters.



GPT-5.5-CYBER

Specialized cybersecurity and advanced defense.



TERRA LUNA SOL

GPT-5.6 FAMILY

Stronger reasoning, coding, science, and long-context.



MAX & ULTRA

Deeper analysis and complex assignments.



KEY BENEFIT: More secure, more powerful, and more accurate models designed for today's professional legal work.



OpenAI Model Changes: May–July 2026



**July 9, 2026 –
GPT-5.6 in Microsoft 365 Copilot**

- July 9, 2026 – GPT-5.6 in Microsoft 365 Copilot
- Became the preferred model for Microsoft 365 Copilot.
- Expanded AI capabilities in Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Copilot Chat, and Copilot collaboration tools.
- Improved drafting, analysis, presentation creation, and collaboration.



Key Benefit: Stronger drafting, analysis, presentation creation, and collaboration in Microsoft 365 Copilot.



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OpenAI Model Selection as of July 26, 2026

MODEL GUIDE



GPT-5.5 Instant

Best for ordinary questions, routine drafting, revisions, and quick analysis.



GPT-5.6 Luna

Faster member of the GPT-5.6 reasoning family for less demanding assignments.



GPT-5.6 Terra

Balanced reasoning model for substantial professional work.



GPT-5.6 Sol

Strongest model for complex research, legal analysis, coding, and long-horizon work.



GPT-5.6 Sol Ultra

Uses coordinated subagents for especially difficult or extensive assignments.

PRACTICAL SELECTION RULE



Routine work: Instant



Important professional work: Terra



Most difficult work: Sol



Maximum effort and multistep execution: Sol Ultra



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Choose the right ChatGPT mode

*Fast chat, deep reasoning,
or a delegated project.*



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The July 2026 ChatGPT choices



Fast work

- Instant
- GPT-5.5 Instant
- Everyday drafting



Complex work

- Medium / High / Extra High
- GPT-5.6 Sol
- Pro users: Sol Pro



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What changed with GPT-5.5

- Stronger professional knowledge work and document-heavy tasks.
- Better tool use, research, synthesis, and concise everyday responses.
- GPT-5.5 Instant is the default for fast ChatGPT responses.



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Choose the model to match the assignment



Use Instant for

- ✓ Grammar and tone
- ✓ Routine emails
- ✓ Short summaries



Use Sol reasoning for

- ✓ Multi-document analysis
- ✓ Financial patterns
- ✓ Hearing and trial preparation



ChatGPT Work: delegate a complete assignment



- Research and analyze information across connected files and apps.



- Create finished documents, spreadsheets, presentations, reports, and sites.



- Follow progress, answer questions, redirect the task, and approve important actions.



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WORK

Projects preserve matter context



Create one approved Project per matter or internal initiative.



Add instructions, reference files, and recurring context.



Never mix clients or matters in the same Project.





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6 ChatGPT Settings You Should Consider Changing for Drafting



1. About You (Personalization)



2. How to Talk to You (Customization)



3. Control Sharing



4. Memories



5. Looks and Sounds



6. Different AI for Each Chat



(1) Personalization About: You

A simple selection rubric:

- Deep analysis / novel issues: higher-reasoning model; ask it to show assumptions and two competing interpretations.
- Rewrite / paraphrase: ask it to rephrase the text in a different way.
- Exploration: ask it to explore a topic in depth.
- Method: ask it to use a specific method (e.g., memo).

Additional behavior, style, and tone preferences:

About you

Nickname: Patrick

Occupation: Texas Board Certified Family Law Attorney

More about you

I am Patrick A. Wright, a 57 year old man in Dallas, Texas. Patrick A. Wright is the managing partner of the North Texas-based firm, The Wright Firm, LLP. He is Board Certified in Family Law and Child Welfare by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Patrick serves on the Family Law Council of the State Bar of Texas and is an active Fellow of the Texas Family Law Section Board of Directors.

Memory

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Explain six sections: 3/14 2:30

Big thinking

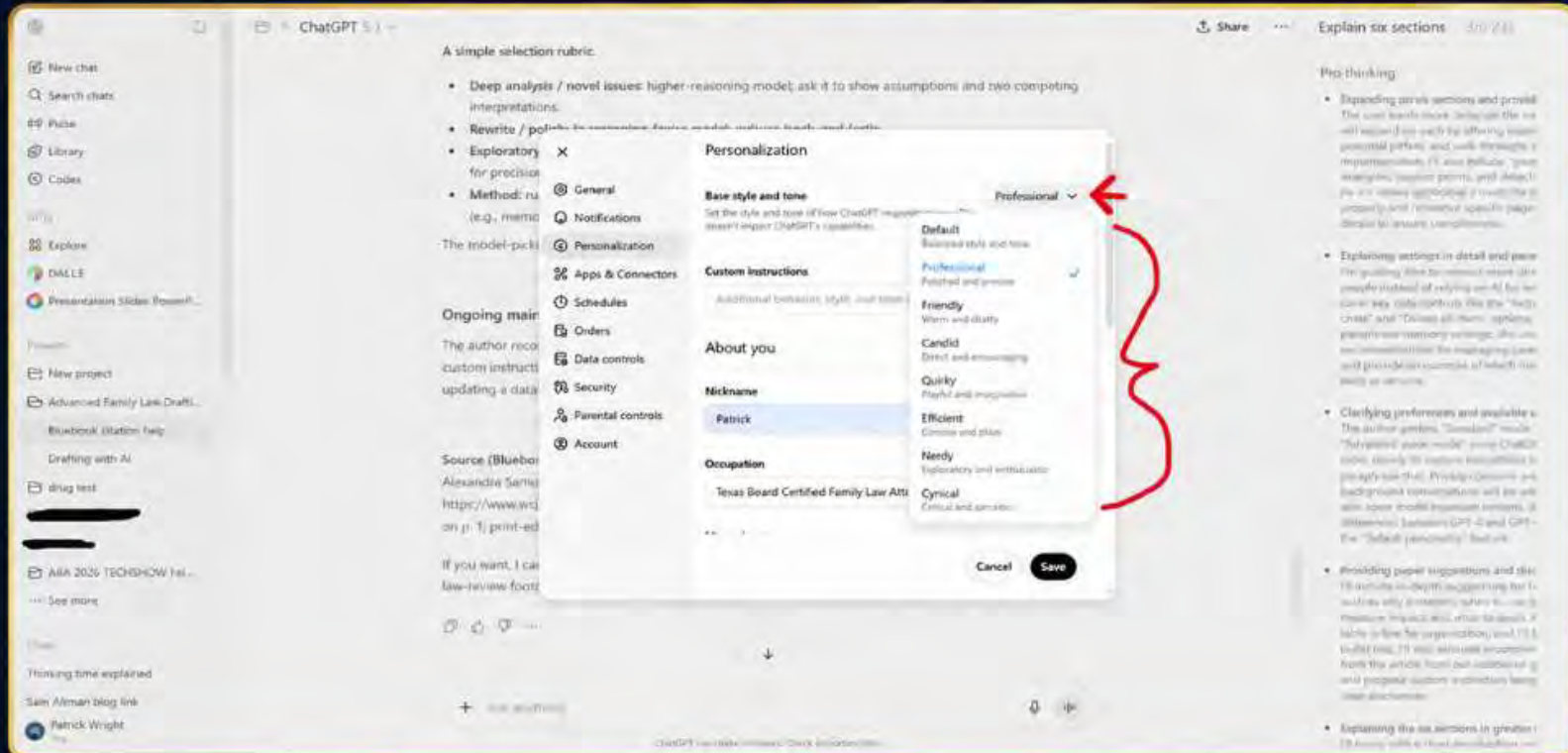
- Depending on six sections and providing detail. The user wants more detail on the six sections. I will expand on each by offering examples, personal insights, and side thoughts for implementation. I will also include "bold" as and "examples, citation points, and relevant (visual) as an when applicable. I must cite the article properly and reference specific pages with key details to ensure completeness.
- Explaining settings in detail and paraphrasing. I'm guiding Alex to interact more directly with people instead of relying on AI for everything. I'll make key data insights like the "Active All" status and "Delete all" options. I'll also paraphrase memory settings, discussing recommendations for managing speed, frequency, and providing an example of which resources to keep or remove.
- Carrying preferences and available options. The author prefers "Standard" mode over "Advanced voice mode" since ChatGPT offers more precisely to custom instructions than -- I'll paraphrase that. Privacy concerns around go beyond communications will be addressed. I'll paraphrase mode selection options, detailing differences between GPT-4 and GPT-5 including the "default personality" feature.
- Providing paper suggestions and placement. I'll include in-depth suggestions for the paper, what why it matters, when to use it, how to ensure it's clear, and what to avoid. A Markdown table is fine for organization, and I'll include bullet too. I'll also include recommendations from the article from our additional guidance and provide custom instruction examples with clear discussions.
- Explaining the six sections in greater detail. I'll begin with a short introduction referencing

Set your role, practice context, and preferences in ChatGPT Personalization settings.



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(1) Personalization: Base Style



 Choose the default response style that best matches your work and tone.



Memory and matter separation



Useful continuity



Ongoing preferences



Recurring formats



Project instructions



Control the risk



Review saved memories



Use matter-specific Projects



Avoid confidential facts
in personal memory





ETHICS

Protect the client and the case

Ethics, confidentiality, supervision, and verification.



CONFIDENTIALITY



SUPERVISION



VERIFICATION

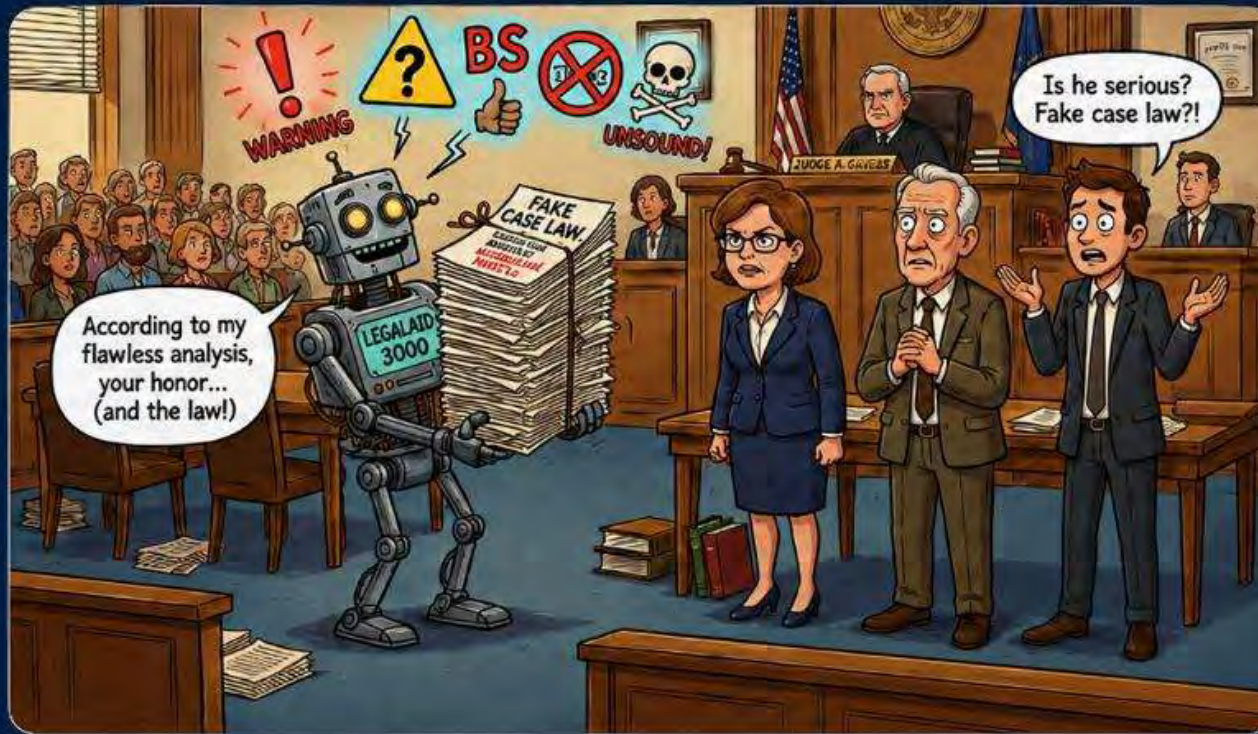


ETHICS



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Ethical Risks



Hallucinated cases

AI may create convincing but false legal authorities.



Data confidentiality risks

Sensitive client or case information could be exposed or misused.



Unsupervised drafting dangers

Unchecked AI output can lead to serious legal errors.



Improper billing concerns

Risk of billing for ineffective or unverified AI-assisted work.



Content current as of **August 8, 2026**.

Always verify with original sources and current law.

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AI Hallucination Cases

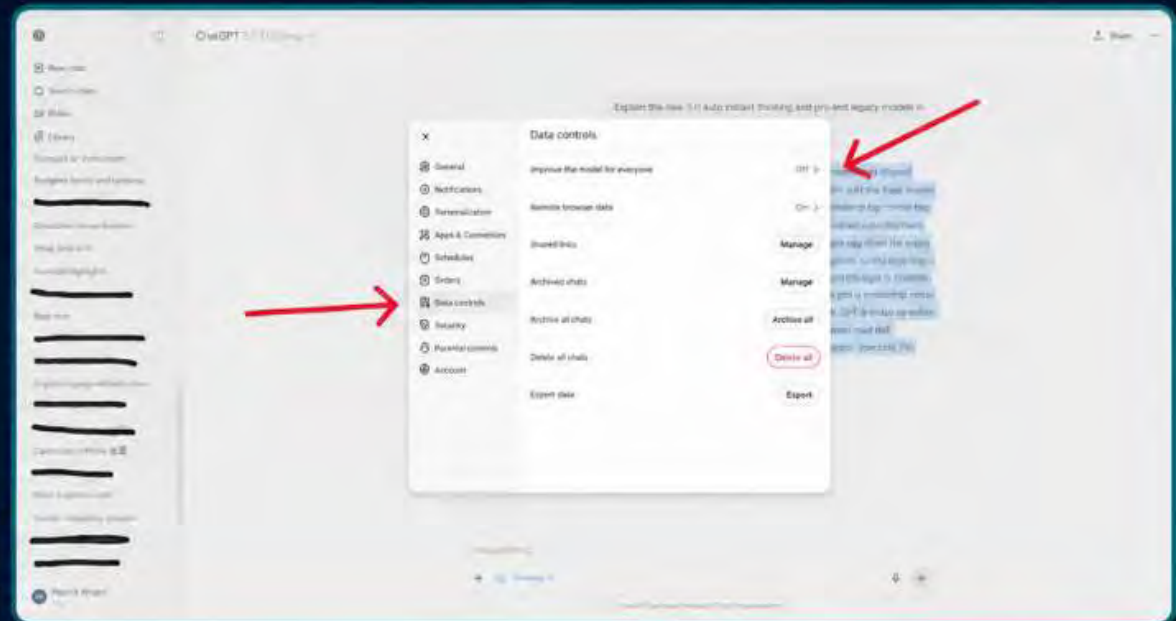
<https://www.damiencharlotin.com/hallucinations/>

- This database tracks legal *decisions* in cases where generative AI produced hallucinated content – typically fake citations, but also other types of arguments. It does not track the (necessarily wider) universe of all fake citations or use of AI in court filings.
- While seeking to be exhaustive (**1868 cases identified so far**), it is a work in progress and will expand as new examples emerge.

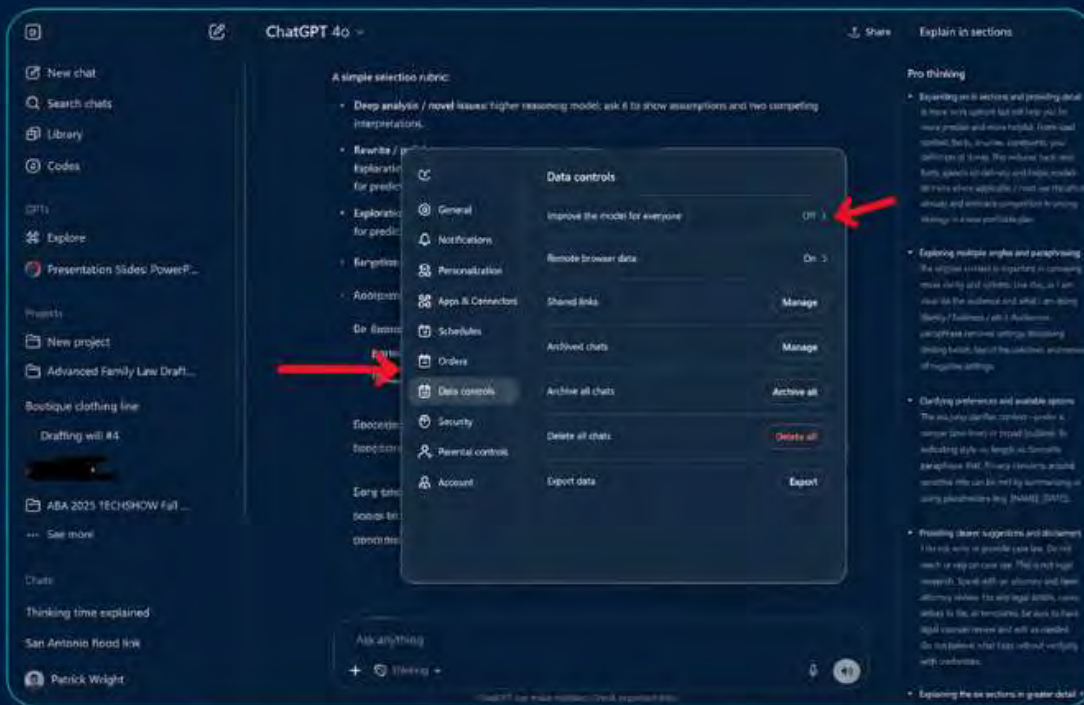


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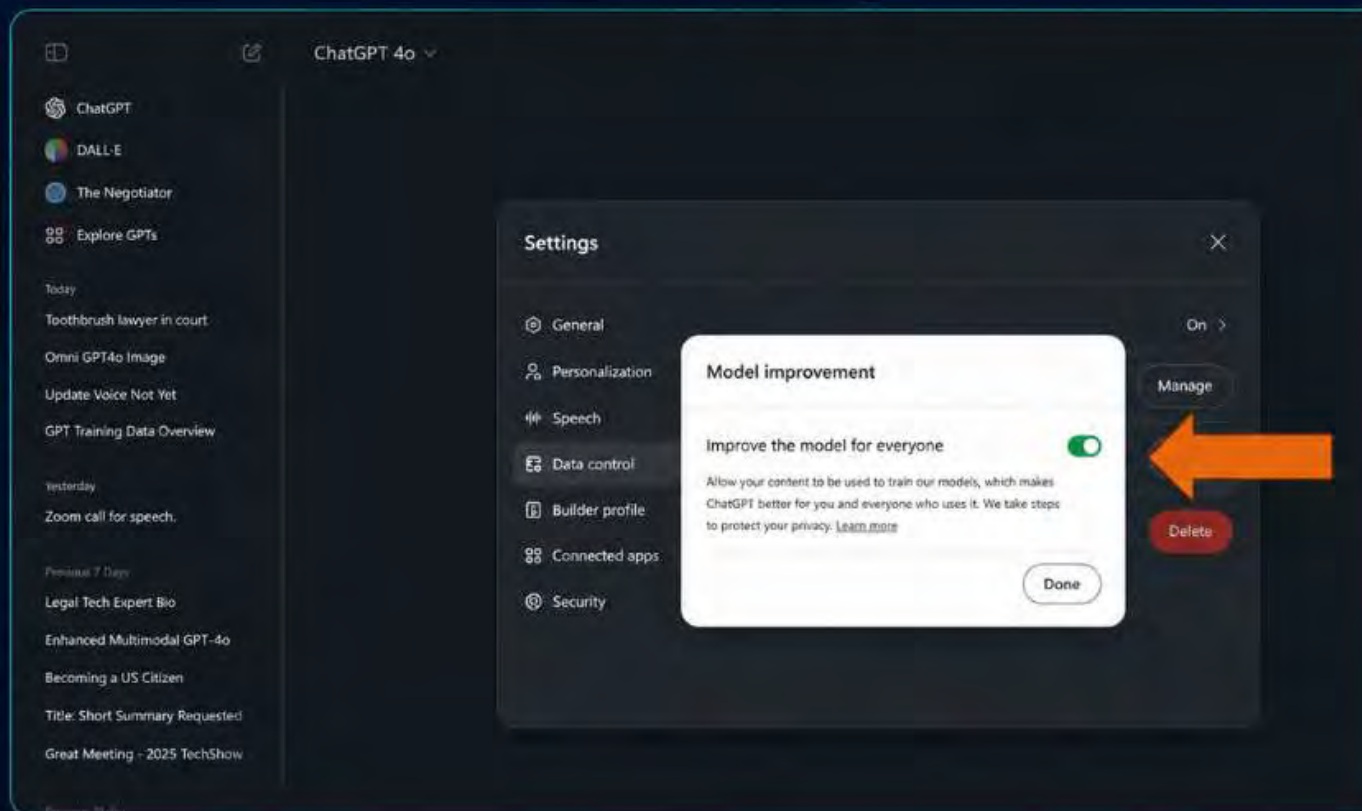
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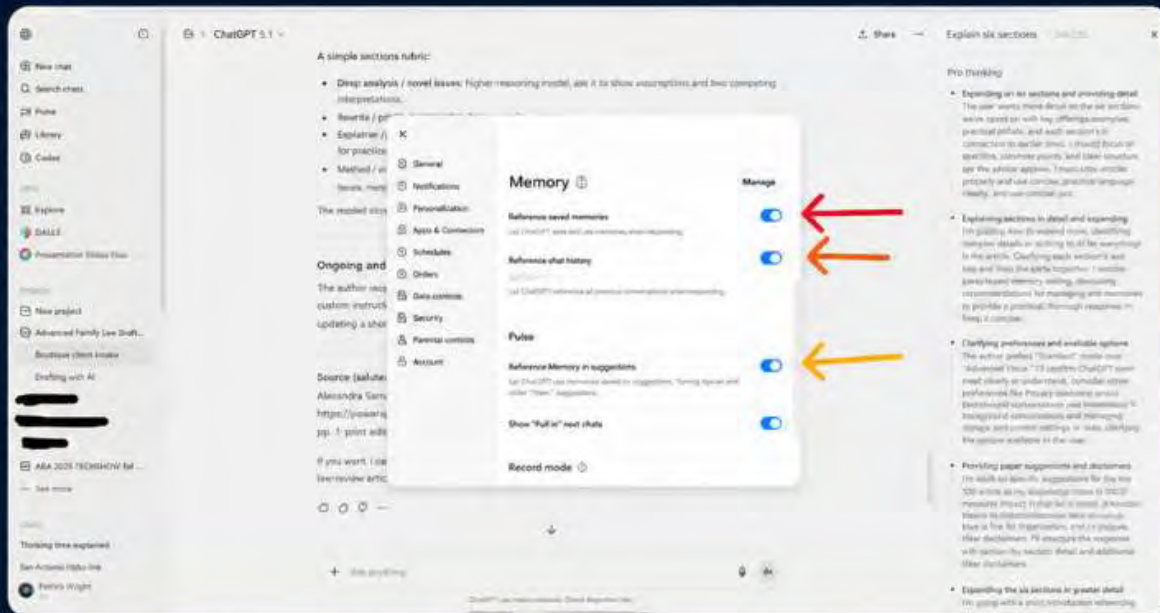
(3) Control what you share



Settings. Data Control. Model Improvement



(4) Memories





ChatGPT 5.1

Share



Explain six sections - 3m 23s



GPTs



Projects



New chat

Search chats

Pulse

Library

Codes

GPTs

Explore

DALL·E

Presentation Slides: PowerP...

Projects

New project

Advanced Family Law Draft...

Bluebook citation help

Drafting with AI

ABA 2025 TECHSHOW Fall ...

See more

Chats

Thinking time explained

San Antonio flood link

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Pro

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- Exploratory for prediction
- Methods & (e.g., memo)

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General

Notifications

Personalization

Apps & Connectors

Schedules

Orders

Data controls

Security

Parental controls

Account

Memory

Manage

Reference saved memories

Let ChatGPT save and use memories when responding.

Reference chat history

Let ChatGPT reference all previous conversations when responding.

ChatGPT may use Memory to personalize queries to search providers, such as Bing. [Learn more](#)

Pulse

Reference Memory in suggestions

Let ChatGPT use memories proactively in suggestions. Turning this off will disable "Pulse". [Learn more](#)

Show "Pulse" in new chats

Record mode

+ Ask anything

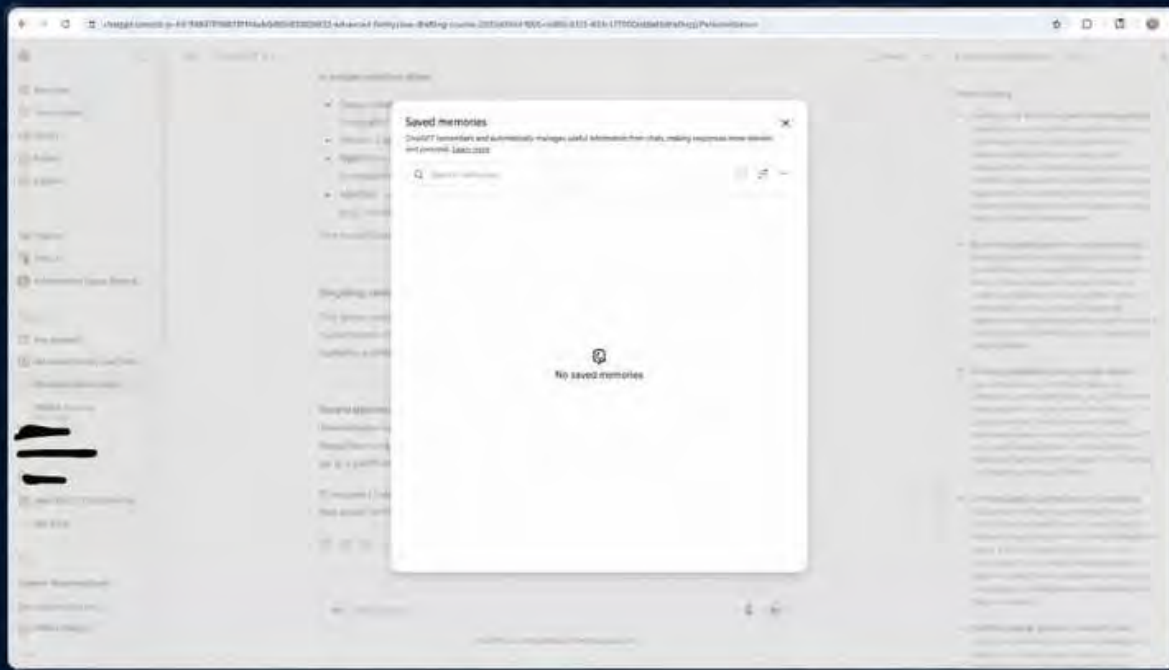


ChatGPT can make mistakes. Check important info.

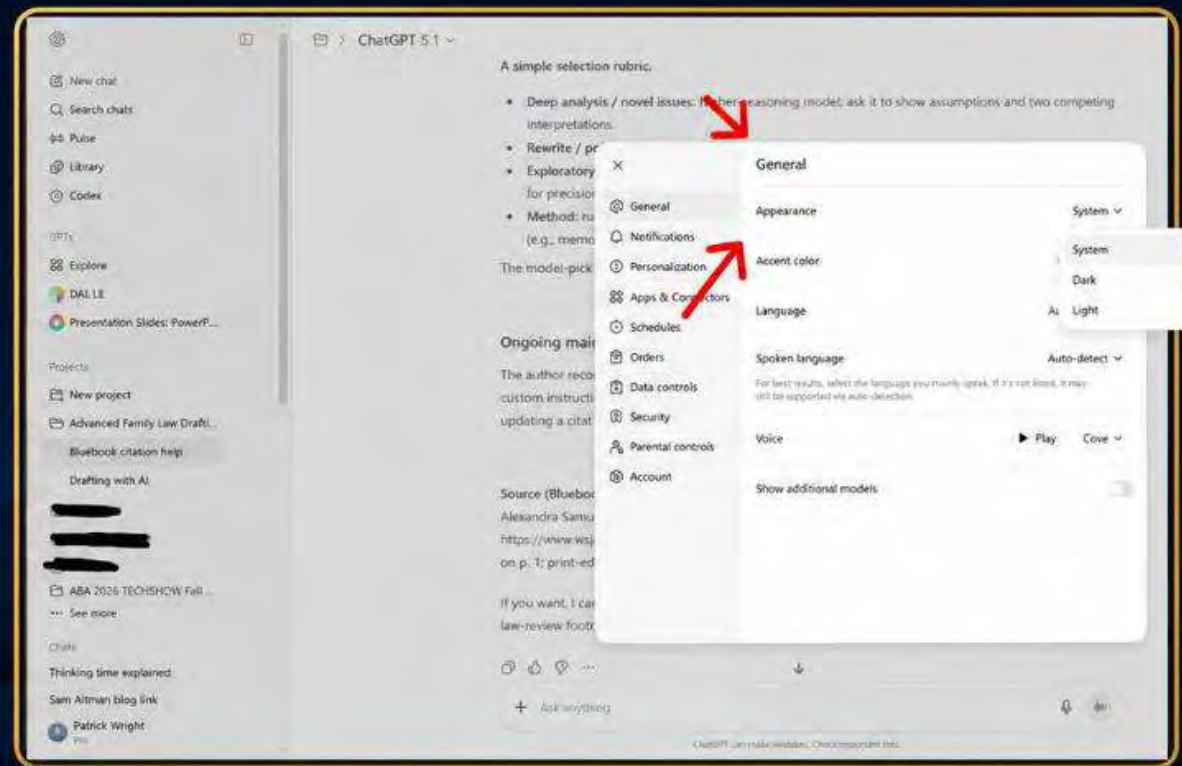
Pro thinking

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- Explaining the six sections in greater detail
I'll begin with a short introduction about

(4) Saved Memories



(5) Change the appearance and voice



(6) Chose an AI for each chat



ChatGPT 5.1

GPT-5.1

- Auto** (Become how long to find)
- Instant** (Answer style: trace)
- Thinking** (Thinks longer for better answers)
- GPT-5**
- Pro** (Expensive, greater intelligence)
- Legacy models**

A simple selection rubric.

- Deep analysis / novel issues:** highw-reasoning model: ask t to show assumptions and two competing 'art' perceptions.
- Rewrite / polish / summarize:** tighter model: enforce hard word limits.
- Exploratory brainstorming:** (creative "personality" model), later, port the outline to the reasoning model Pro: precision.
- Method:** run the same 2-3 prompts across two models and compare. Build a short "house benchmark" (if g: menno paragraph, a Bluebook cite test, a fact-sensitivity test).
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+ Ask anything

ChatGPT can make mistakes. Check important info.

AI

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RIGHT MODEL. BETTER ANSWERS. STRONGER RESULTS.
 Match the task. Match the model. Raise the standard.



Build hearing and trial systems

The notebook should reveal the proof, the gaps, and the next task.





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DEMO: Email Response Workflow Using ChatGPT for a Better First Draft



Live Demo



Paste the fictional opposing-counsel email from the Archer Project



Use ChatGPT Instant to draft a calm, firm, settlement-oriented reply



Refine the result: cut 30% and remove press-release voice



Review for strategy, tone, near-agreement, and invented concessions



What to Check

- Preserve Evelyn's position
- Identify near-agreement
- No added facts, threats, or final-merits arguments

“ChatGPT supplied a draft. I still own the strategy, the tone, and the Send button.”

Fictional Email



First Draft



Cut 30%



Human Review Required



If Wi-Fi lags: show the saved response screenshot.
The workflow is the lesson.

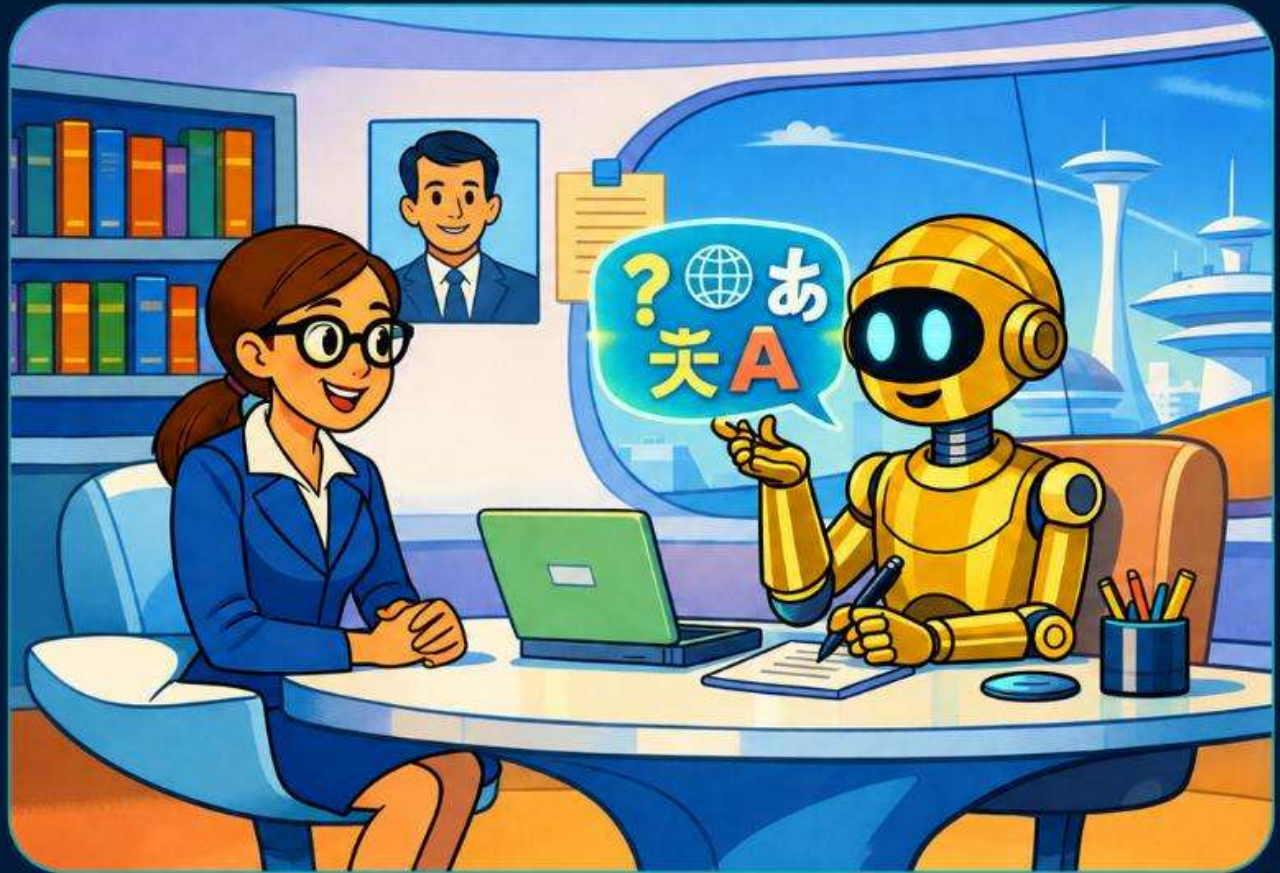


AI for Note Taking

- Send to client after meeting
- Send to Legal Assistant
- Have AI read and create questions



Use AI to capture, summarize, and organize notes after a meeting.



Photos of texts



Have AI read the texts



Provide a Summary



Turn into an Affidavit



Use AI to capture, summarize, and move your work forward.



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8. DEMO 2: Create a 20-Minute Trial Notebook



WHY THIS MATTERS

Shift from fast drafting to structured reasoning.
Make the model organize before it advocates.



WHAT WE'RE BUILDING

A one-screen notebook that ties theory, relief, witnesses, exhibits, questions, objections, closing, and verification to the 20-minute clock.



WHAT TO WATCH

Focus on structure: five exhibits, time-limited exams, objections, and verification.



THE FOLLOW-UP

Turn the notebook into a 20-minute hearing allocation—prepare for the hearing actually set.



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LAWYER
+
AI
BETTER
TOGETHER

ORGANIZE
FIRST.
ADVOCATE
SECOND.



ONE-SCREEN TEMPORARY-ORDERS NOTEBOOK (20 MIN PER SIDE)



1. THEORY

- Stability & best interest of the children.
- Safety with proportionate safeguards.



2. RELIEF

- Stable residential schedule with clear transitions.
- Alcohol safeguards, child support, and full financial disclosure.



3. WITNESS PLAN

- Evelyn – parenting, stability, children's needs.
- Neutral 3rd party – observations/communications.



4. FIVE EXHIBITS

1. Current Orders
2. Proposed Orders (redline)
3. Parent Communication Log
4. Children's School/Activity Calendar
5. Financial Summary/Budget



5. 6-MINUTE DIRECT

- Evelyn: stability, routine, children's needs (3:00).
- Neutral 3rd party: observations aligning with best interest (3:00).



6. 4-MINUTE CROSS

- Opposing party on instability, alcohol incidents, missed exchanges (2:00).
- Challenge credibility & inconsistencies (2:00).



7. OBJECTIONS

- Hearsay.
- Irrelevant, speculative, or cumulative.



8. 90-SECOND CLOSING

- Stability + safeguards benefit children.
- Clear, practical orders. Ready to sign.



9. VERIFICATION

- Facts used are in Archer packet.
- Exhibits match proof.
- Relief tied to evidence.
- No final property/valuation, fraud remedy, or maintenance.

20-MINUTE HEARING ALLOCATION (PER SIDE)

TIME	TASK	PURPOSE	PROOF TO USE	WHAT TO AVOID
0:00 – 0:30	Opening (You)	Set theme & framework	Theory in notebook	Facts, argument, overpromising
0:30 – 6:30	Direct Examination	Support relief & best interest	Evelyn, 3rd party, Exhibits	Over-explaining, hearsay
6:30 – 10:30	Cross Examination	Expose instability/credibility	Comm Log, Calendar, Orders	Arguing, new evidence
10:30 – 12:00	Re-Direct (if needed)	Clarify & rehabilitate	Redirect to key testimony	Opening new issues
12:00 – 13:00	Objections/Sidebar	Protect the record	Evid. Rulings & objections	Arguing outside presence
13:00 – 14:30	Exhibit Walk-Through	Tie exhibits to testimony	5 Key Exhibits	Reading documents
14:30 – 16:00	Responsive to Opposing	Address their key points	Use same exhibits/witnesses	Re-litigating everything
16:00 – 17:30	90-Second Closing	Synthesize & persuade	Theme + 3 strongest proofs	New facts or requests
17:30 – 20:00	Judicial Q&A	Answer the Court	Notebook & exhibits	Over-talking, volunteering



HARD STOP: A notebook forces the output to connect every fact to proof, time, and an order the judge can sign.



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Prepare the Hearing Notebook



Pleadings, live motions, requested relief, and controlling orders.



Exhibits, witness outlines, authorities, and proposed order.



One-page deadline, responsibility, and missing-item sheet.



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DEMO 3:



Draft a Source-Controlled Direct Examination



GIVE IT STRUCTURE

Witness, side, time limit, proof goals, non-leading, source limit, and subjects to avoid.



SCAN FOR 3 PROBLEMS

- ✓ Leading questions
- ✓ Facts outside personal knowledge
- ✓ Questions that prove nothing the judge can order today



HONOR THE FAIR FACTS

No child was in the DWI vehicle. Direct asks for proportionate temporary safeguards—without trying the criminal case.



EVERY QUESTION MUST EARN ITS SECONDS



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THE AI
ORGANIZES
THE PROOF.
THE LAWYER
DECIDES.

10 STRONGEST NON-LEADING QUESTIONS (6-MINUTE DIRECT OF EVELYN)

PARENTING ROUTINE

1. Please describe the children's typical weekday routine when they are with you. [Ex. 3 – Parenting Plan]
2. What activities and commitments are important to the children during the school week? [Ex. 3]

CHILDREN'S PRESENT NEEDS

3. What are the children's current school and extracurricular activities? [Ex. 4 – School/Activity Calendar]
4. What do the children need for stability right now? [Ex. 1 – Evelyn Declaration]

DWI AND ALCOHOL SAFEGUARDS

5. Please tell the Court what happened on April 3, 2026. [Ex. 2 – DWI Report]
6. What has changed in your approach to alcohol use since that incident? [Ex. 1]
7. What safeguards do you believe are appropriate to protect the children's safety? [Ex. 1]

SUPPORT AND PROPERTY PRESERVATION

8. What are the children's monthly expenses you are covering? [Ex. 5 – Financial Summary/Budget]
9. What has been the income and bill-pay arrangement during the separation? [Ex. 5]
10. What steps are needed to keep property and accounts stable while this case is pending? [Ex. 6 – Orders]

FACTS COUNSEL MUST VERIFY

- No child was in the vehicle during the DWI incident. [Ex. 2]
 - Evelyn is the primary caregiver for the children. [Ex. 1 & Ex. 3]
10. Current financial information is accurate as of the hearing date. [Ex. 5]

FOLLOW-UP: EIGHT MOST DIRECT QUESTIONS (ORDER TODAY)

1. Please describe the children's typical weekday routine when they are with you. [Ex. 3]
2. What are the children's current school and extracurricular activities? [Ex. 4]
3. What do the children need for stability right now? [Ex. 1]
4. Please tell the Court what happened on April 3, 2026. [Ex. 2]
5. What has changed in your approach to alcohol use since that incident? [Ex. 1]
6. What safeguards do you believe are appropriate to protect the children's safety? [Ex. 1]
7. What are the children's monthly expenses you are covering? [Ex. 5]
8. What steps are needed to keep property and accounts stable while this case is pending? [Ex. 6]



HARD STOP: The AI organizes the proof.
The lawyer decides admissibility, emphasis, and what belongs in court.



DEMO 3: Draft a Source-Controlled Direct Examination



Non-leading questions only



Use only the Archer packet



End with 3 facts
counsel must verify

*The AI organizes
the proof. The lawyer
decides what belongs
in court.*



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Direct Examination Outline

Evelyn – Temporary Orders



Attorney Notes

1 PARENTING ROUTINE

- ☐ Please state your full name. [ID]
- ☐ Who are the minor children and what are their ages? [Ex. 1]
- ☐ Where do the children live most of the time? [Ex. 2]
- ☐ What is the current parenting schedule? [Ex. 3]

2 CHILDREN'S PRESENT NEEDS

- ☐ What school do the children attend? [Ex. 4]
- ☐ What activities are the children involved in? [Ex. 5]
- ☐ What are the children's medical needs or routines? [Ex. 6]
- ☐ What do the children need most right now? [Packet §3]

3 DWI AND ALCOHOL SAFEGUARDS

- ☐ When did Respondent's DWI occur? [Ex. 7]
- ☐ What was the result of that DWI case? [Ex. 8]
- ☐ Is Respondent currently using alcohol? [Ex. 9]
- ☐ What safeguards are needed for the children's safety? [Packet §5]

4 SUPPORT AND PROPERTY PRESERVATION

- ☐ What are your monthly expenses for yourself and the children? [Ex. 10]
- ☐ What is Respondent's monthly income? [Ex. 11]
- ☐ What accounts or property should be preserved? [Ex. 12]
- ☐ What temporary orders are necessary to stabilize the family? [Packet §7]



3 FACTS COUNSEL MUST VERIFY BEFORE FILING (END OF EXAM)

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

DEMO 4: Build a Surgical Cross with Sources and Fallbacks



Narrow admissions only



Every question
needs a source



Have a fallback
if denied



The goal is a temporary
order the judge can
sign today

Cross
controls risk.



Eight-Question Surgical Cross (4-Minute Cross of Bennett)

	Question	Expected Answer	Source	Fallback if Denied
1	You were in a relationship outside the marriage, correct?	Yes.	Bennett admission in Archer packet.	Use the message or admission exhibit from the packet.
2	You were arrested for DWI, correct?	Yes.	DWI report in Archer packet.	Impeach with the DWI report.
3	No child was in the vehicle at the time of that DWI, correct?	Correct.	DWI report in Archer packet.	Refresh or impeach with the same report.
4	You have not agreed to alcohol safeguards Evelyn requested, correct?	Correct.	Communications or proposed orders in packet.	Show the communication or draft order.
5	You are currently employed and earning income, correct?	Yes.	Financial information in Archer packet.	Use pay records or financial summary.
6	You have the ability to contribute support today, correct?	Yes.	Income and expense materials in packet.	Use the income figures in the packet.
7	You have engaged in wagering or gambling activity, correct?	"Yes" or "I have."	Account or transaction records in packet.	Use the transaction or account exhibit.
8	You have not fully disclosed all relevant accounts and should be restrained from unusual transfers, correct?	"No" or "I disagree."	Disclosure deficiencies and account records in packet.	Use the missing disclosures and account history.

Follow-Up: Six Strongest Questions

1. Relationship outside the marriage.
2. DWI arrest.
3. No child in the vehicle.
4. Alcohol safeguards not accepted.
5. Income and ability to pay support.
6. Account disclosure and practical restraints.

What to Point Out

- One DWI safeguard question.
- One account-disclosure question.



HARD STOP: Do not ask a question unless the expected answer helps with a specific temporary order.



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If Wi-Fi lags:
show the saved
six-question
surgical cross.

Use AI to test—not invent—cross-examination



Identify contradictions in testimony and documents.



Sequence proven facts into short, leading questions.



Ground every question in testimony, a record, or a good-faith evidentiary basis.



CROSS-EXAMINATION

Craft Effective Cross-Examination Questions

Using Irving Younger's "Ten Commandments of Cross-Examination," consider the following prompt:



SAMPLE PROMPT

Develop a series of cross-examination questions for [Witness's Name] that adhere to the following principles:

- ✔ **Be brief:** Keep the questioning concise to maintain juror engagement and minimize potential errors.
- ✔ **Use short questions and plain words:** Frame questions clearly and succinctly, avoiding complex language.
- ✔ **Ask only leading questions:** Construct questions that suggest the desired answer, allowing control over the witness's responses.
- ✔ **Know the answer to each question:** Ensure familiarity with the expected responses to avoid surprises.
- ✔ **Listen to the witness's answers:** Pay close attention to each response to identify opportunities for follow-up or impeachment.
- ✔ **Avoid quarreling with the witness:** Maintain a professional demeanor, refraining from arguments that could elicit sympathy for the witness.
- ✔ **Prevent repetition of direct testimony:** Steer clear of questions that allow the witness to reiterate points made during direct examination.
- ✔ **Disallow witness explanations:** Formulate questions that limit the witness to "yes" or "no" answers, preventing unsolicited elaboration.
- ✔ **Avoid asking one question too many:** Recognize when to conclude the line of questioning to preserve the impact of the testimony.
- ✔ **Reserve the ultimate point for summation:** Use cross-examination to gather facts, leaving the synthesis and argument for closing statements.

Tailor the questions to highlight inconsistencies or weaknesses in [Witness's Name]'s testimony, ensuring they align with these guidelines to strengthen the overall case.



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DEMO 5:

Make the Model Audit Itself, Then Play the Judge

Now the most important demonstration: make the machine *cross-examine itself*. A polished answer is not the same as a reliable answer.



1 SELF-AUDIT PROMPT

Audit the direct and cross you just drafted. Identify the four highest-risk questions for leading form on direct, argument on cross, hearsay, foundation, authentication, unfair prejudice, unsupported fact, or final-merits overreach. Replace each with a safer question and state the lawyer verification step in one sentence. Use only the Archer packet.

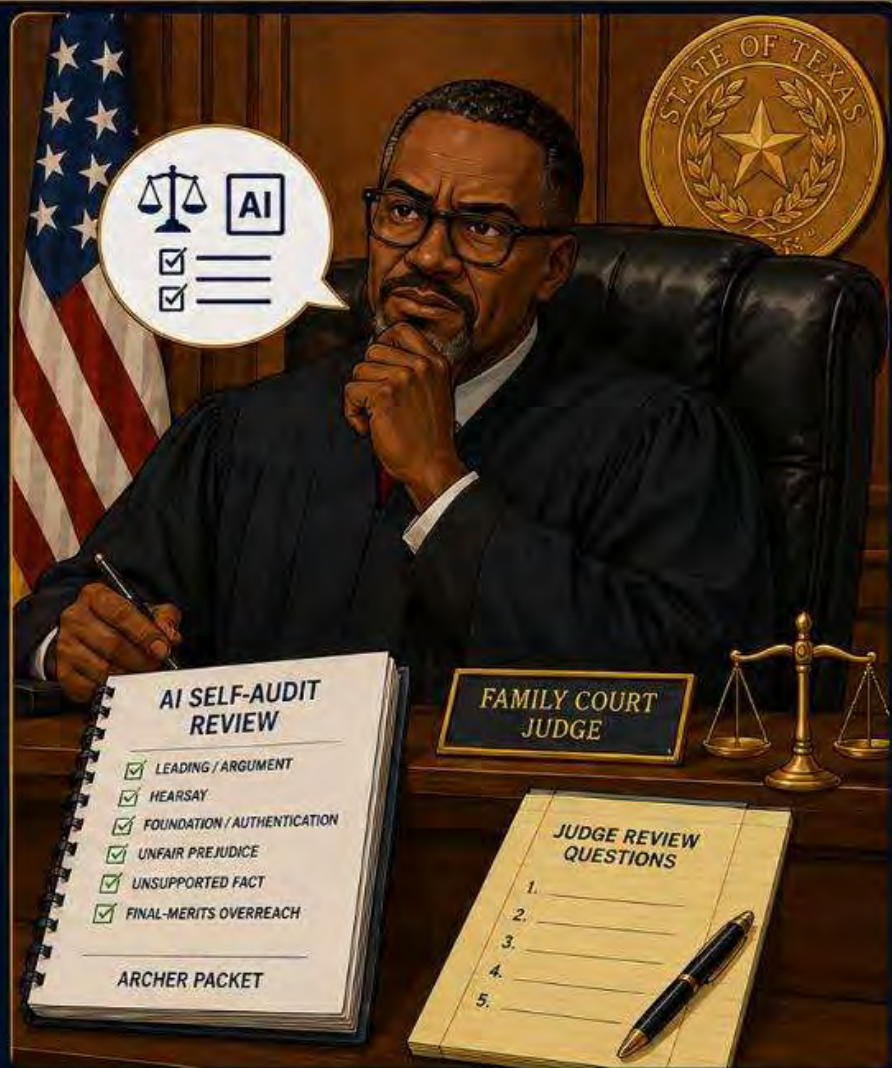


2 FOLLOW-UP: SKEPTICAL JUDGE MODE

Act as a skeptical Texas family-court judge. Ask Evelyn's counsel five hard questions about: proportionality; the fact that no child was in the DWI vehicle; the need for Soberlink; the \$20,000 monthly household-support request; and avoiding a final fraud finding. After each question, give a one-sentence answer using only the Archer packet and identify the supporting exhibit or testimony.



HARD STOP: Before I trust the organization, I make the model audit it. Then I verify the source myself.



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THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS? LET'S CONTINUE
THE CONVERSATION.



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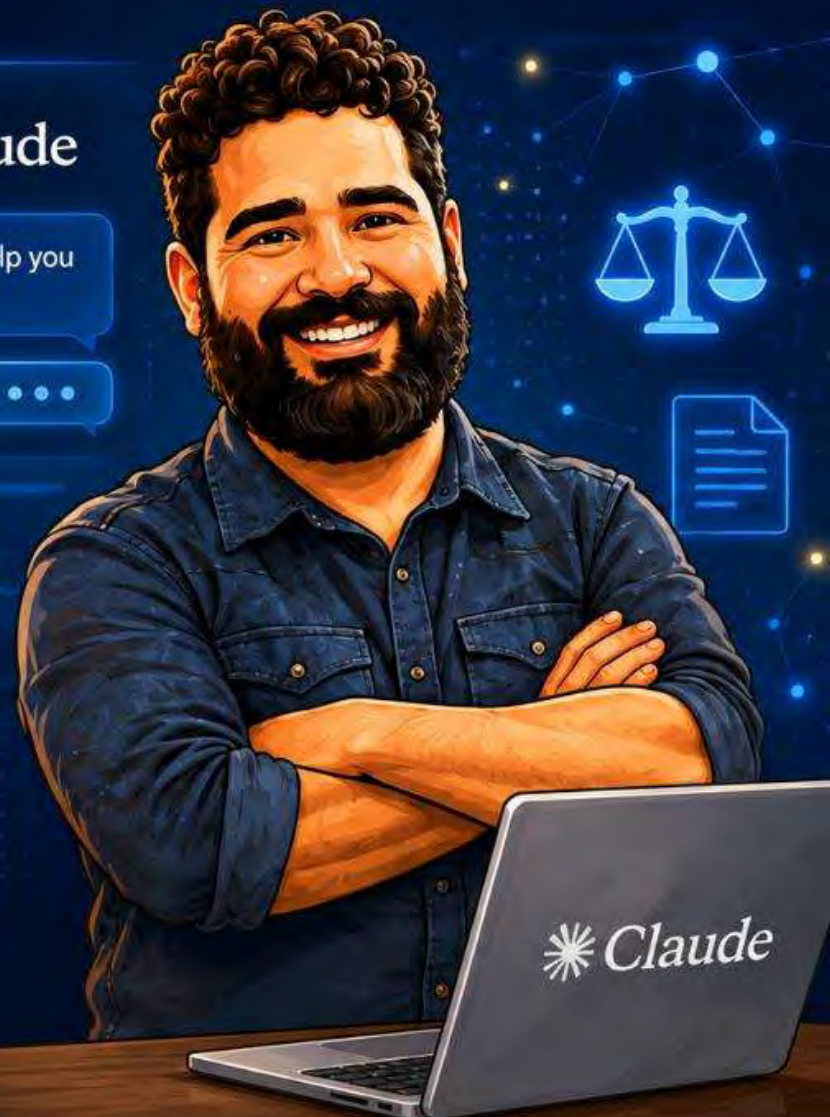
Let's Set up and Use **Claude** Live!

 .5 hr (.25 ethics)

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today?



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Prompting vs. Delegating:

Giving AI Clear Instructions

🕒 .5 hr (.25 ethics)

PROMPT

AI RESPONSE

REVIEW & REFINE

CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS

BETTER OUTPUTS

CONFIDENT RESULTS



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AI Applications for Research, Discovery, Drafting, and Ethics



1 hr (.25 ethics)



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Discussion Question



1. What AI tools are you actually using in your practice every day?



A.I.
ASSISTANT.
INVALUABLE.
(MOST DAYS.)



AI: NOT HERE
TO REPLACE LAWYERS.
HERE TO HELP THEM WIN.



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Discussion Question

2. Where does AI save the most time in a family law practice?



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Discussion Question

3. How are you using AI for legal research without blindly trusting the output?





4. What drafting tasks are best suited for AI?

- ☒ DRAFT
- ☒ EDIT
- ☒ ELEVATE



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5. How are you using AI for discovery, document review, or case organization?



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Discussion Question

6. What AI workflows help with hearing preparation or trial notebooks?



7. How are you using AI for client communication, email, summaries, or timelines?





8. What are your non-negotiable ethics guardrails?

Good AI.
Better Lawyer.
Best Ethics.



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9. What should lawyers not use AI for — or be very careful with?

— ⚖️ —
Just because
AI can write it
doesn't mean
it should.

PAUSE
BEFORE YOU
PASTE.

CAUTION IS GOOD LAWYERING

- 🔍 VERIFY THE FACTS
- 📄 CHECK THE CITATIONS
- 🔒 CONFIDENTIALITY MATTERS
- 👤 HUMAN JUDGMENT REQUIRED

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- ✓ Verify
- ✓ Cite
- ✓ Protect
- ✓ Review

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CONFIDENTIAL
PROTECT
PRIVILEGED
INFORMATION

**HALLUCINATED
CITATIONS**
⚠️
VERIFY
EVERY SOURCE.

**LEGAL ADVICE
WITHOUT REVIEW**
⚖️
HUMAN JUDGMENT
REQUIRED

**UNSUPERVISED
FILINGS**
⚖️
YOU ARE
THE LAWYER.

SLOW DOWN.
THINK IT THROUGH.
OWN THE OUTCOME.



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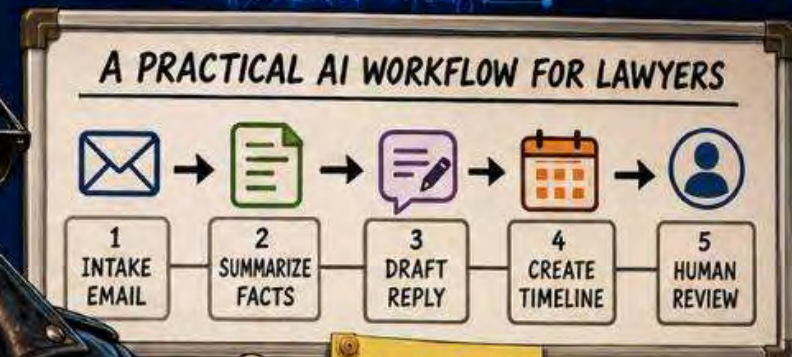
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10. What is one practical AI workflow attendees should try next week?

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BETTER DRAFT.

HUMAN REVIEW
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