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The Ethics Rules and Lawyer Marketing

First Commandment – Rule 4-7.1

A lawyer shall not make a false or misleading communication about the lawyer or the lawyer's services.

A communication is false if it contains a material **misrepresentation** of fact or law.

A communication is misleading if it:

(a) **omits a fact** as a result of which the statement considered as a whole is materially misleading; . . .

Rule 4-7.1

A communication is misleading if it:

- (a) **omits a fact** as a result of which the statement considered as a whole is materially misleading;
- (b) is likely to create an **unjustified expectation** about results the lawyer can achieve;
- (c) **proclaims results obtained** on behalf of clients, such as the amount of a damage award or the lawyer's record in obtaining favorable verdicts or settlements, **without stating** that past results afford no guarantee of future results and that every case is different and must be judged on its own merits;
- (d) states or implies that the lawyer can **achieve results by means that violate the Rules** of Professional Conduct or other law;
- (e) **compares the quality of a lawyer's or a law firm's services** with other lawyers' services, unless the comparison can be factually substantiated;
- (f) advertises for a specific type of case concerning which the lawyer has **neither experience nor competence**;
- (g) indicates an area of practice in which the lawyer **routinely refers matters to other lawyers**, without conspicuous identification of such fact;
- (h) contains any **paid testimonial** about or endorsement of the lawyer, without **conspicuous identification** of the fact that **payment** has been made for the testimonial or endorsement;
- (i) contains any **simulated portrayal** of a lawyer, client, victim, scene, or event without **conspicuous identification** of the fact that it is a **simulation**;
- (j) provides an office address for an **office** staffed only part-time or by appointment only, without conspicuous identification of such fact; or
- (k) states that legal services are available on a contingent or no-recovery-no-fee basis without stating conspicuously that the client may be **responsible for costs or expenses**, if that is the case.

Rule 4-7.2(a) & (b) – Advertising

- (a) Subject to the requirements of Rule 4-7.1, a lawyer may advertise **services** through public media, such as a telephone directory, legal directory, newspaper or other periodical, outdoor advertising, radio, or television, or through direct mail advertising distributed generally to persons not known to need legal services of the kind provided by the lawyer in a particular matter.
- (b) A **copy or recording of an advertisement or written communication shall be kept for two years** after its last dissemination along with a record of when and where it was used. The record shall include the name of at least one lawyer responsible for its content unless the advertisement or written communication itself contains the name of at least one lawyer responsible for its content.

Rule 4-7.2(c)

A lawyer shall not give anything of value to a person for recommending the lawyer's services, except that:

- (1) a lawyer may pay the reasonable cost of advertising or written communication permitted by this Rule 4-7.2;
- (2) a lawyer may pay the reasonable cost of advertising, written communication, or other notification required in connection with the sale of a law practice as permitted by Rule 4-1.17; and
- (3) a lawyer may pay the usual charges of a qualified lawyer referral service registered under Rule 4-9.1 or other not-for-profit legal services organization.

Rule 4-7.2(f) Disclaimer

Any advertisement or communication made pursuant to this Rule 4-7.2, other than written solicitations governed by the disclosure rules of Rule 4-7.3(b), shall contain the following conspicuous disclosure:

"The choice of a lawyer is an important decision and should not be based solely upon advertisements."

Rule 4-7.2(g) & (h) – Tombstone Exception to Disclaimer

(g) The disclosures required by Rule 4-7.2(e) and (f) need not be made if the information communicated is limited to the following:

- (1) the name of the law firm and the names of lawyers in the firm
- (2) one or more fields of law in which the lawyer or law firm practices;
- (3) the date and place of admission to the bar of state and federal courts; an
- (4) the address, including e-mail and web site address, telephone number, and office hours.

What Is a “Solicitation”? Rule 4-7.3

This Rule 4-7.3 applies to in-person and written solicitations by a lawyer with persons known to need legal services of the kind provided by the lawyer in a particular matter for the purpose of obtaining professional employment.

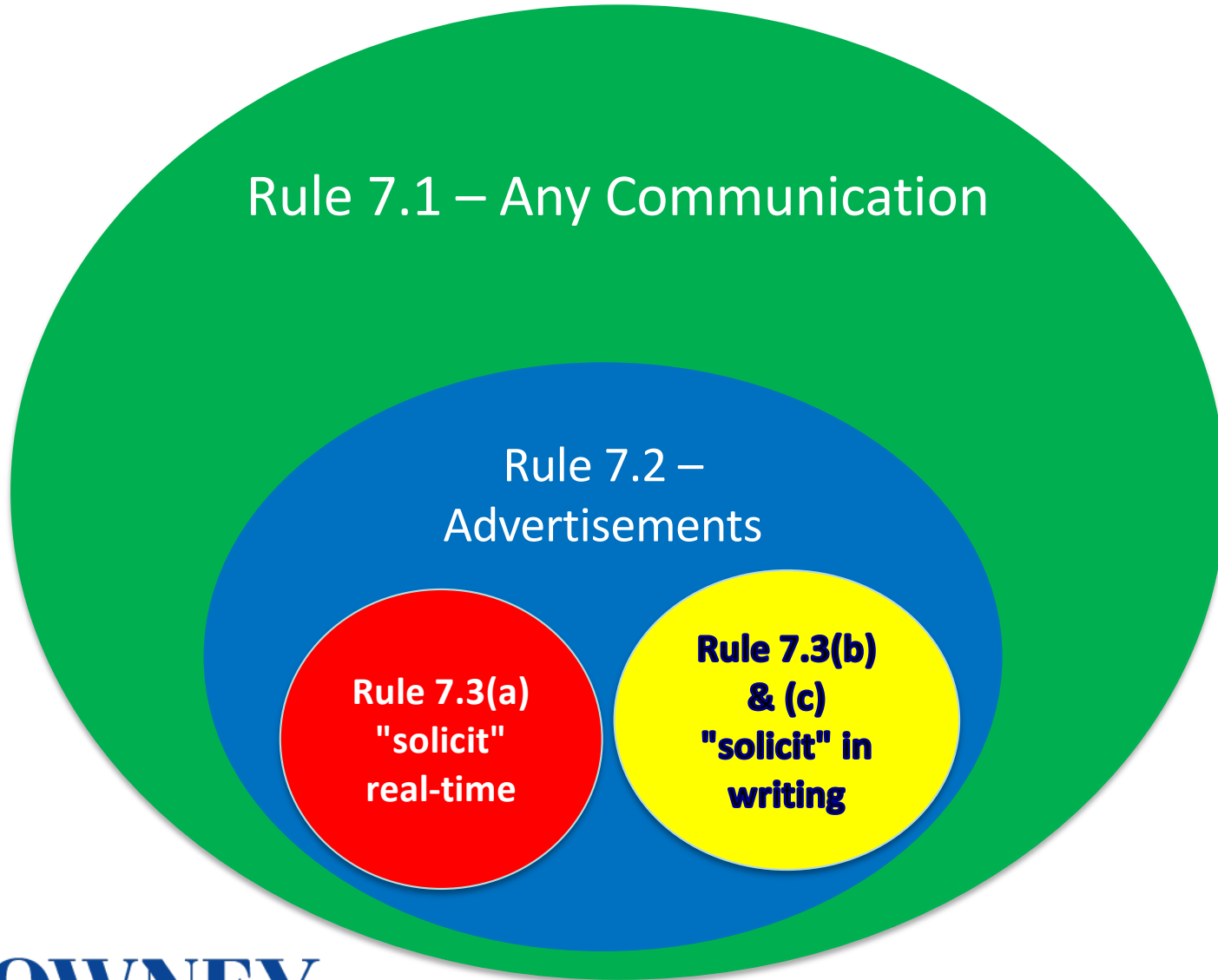
- (a) In-person solicitation. A lawyer **may not initiate the in-person, telephone, or real time electronic solicitation** of legal business under any circumstance, other than with an **existing or former client, lawyer, close friend, or relative**.
- (b) Written Solicitation. A lawyer **may initiate written solicitations** to an **existing or former client, lawyer, friend, or relative** without complying with the requirements of this Rule 4-7.3(b). Written solicitations to others are subject to the following requirements:
- (1) any written solicitation by mail shall be plainly marked “**ADVERTISEMENT**” on the face of the envelope and all written solicitations shall be plainly marked “ADVERTISEMENT” at the top of the first page in type **at least as large as the largest written type used in the written solicitation**;
 - (2) . . .
 - (3) each written solicitation must include the following:
“Disregard this solicitation if you have already engaged a lawyer in connection with the legal matter referred to in this solicitation. You may wish to consult your lawyer or another lawyer instead of me (us). The exact nature of your legal situation will depend on many facts not known to me (us) at this time. You should understand that the advice and information in this solicitation is general and that your own situation may vary. This statement is required by rule of the Supreme Court of Missouri;” (87 words)
 - (4) written solicitations mailed to prospective clients shall be sent only by **regular United States mail**, not registered mail or other forms of restricted or certified delivery;

Rule 4-7.4

A lawyer may communicate the fact that the lawyer does or does not practice in particular fields of law. Any such communication shall conform to the requirements of Rule 4-7.1. Except as provided in Rule 4-7.4(a) and (b), a lawyer shall not state or imply that the lawyer is a specialist unless the communication contains a disclaimer that neither the Supreme Court of Missouri nor The Missouri Bar reviews or approves certifying organizations or specialist designations.

- (a) A lawyer admitted to engage in patent practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office may use the designation "patent attorney" or a substantially similar designation;
- (b) A lawyer engaged in admiralty practice may use the designation "admiralty," "proctor in admiralty" or a substantially similar designation.

Advertising Regulations – ABA Rules



“Summary Guidance” on Missouri Ethics Rules – Advertising

- All communications must be totally truthful
- (Almost) all advertisements need the “Choice of lawyer . . .” disclaimer
- In-person and real-time solicitations to “non-lawyer strangers” are barred, and only regular mail solicitations are permitted (with lots of regulation)
- Certain content receive higher scrutiny and regulation

	ABA Model Rule	Missouri Rule	Kansas Rule
Rule 7.1/4-7.1 – <u>All</u> communications	49 words 1 subpart	379 words 11 subparts	103 Words 3 subparts
Rule 7.2/4-7.2 – Advertisements	270 words 13 subparts	757 words 20 subparts	127 words 4 subparts
Rule 7.3/4-7.3 – “Solicitations”	260 words 10 subparts	809 words 18 subparts	239 words 8 subparts
Rule 7.4/4-7.4 – Specialist designations	0 Merged into Rule 7.2	124 words 3 subparts	133 words 6 subparts
Rule 7.5/4-7.5 – Firm names	0 Merged into Rule 7.1 comment [5]	177 words 4 subparts	173 words 4 subparts

Lawyer Advertising Regulations Target

- Content of communication
- Method of delivery
- Scope of audience
- Location of audience
- Payment arrangement

“Highly Scrutinized” Content

- Discussions of **past results** (Rule 4-7.1)
- (Non-verifiable) **comparisons** with other lawyers (4-7.1)
- Requests seeking **work the lawyer (generally) has not or does not do** (Rule 4-7.1)
- **Testimonials** and **simulations** (Rule 4-7.1)
- Claims of **expertise** (Rule 4-7.4)
- Claims regarding **office locations** (4-7.1 and 4-7.2)
- Claims regarding **money – fees and expenses** (Rule 4-7.1 and 4-7.2)

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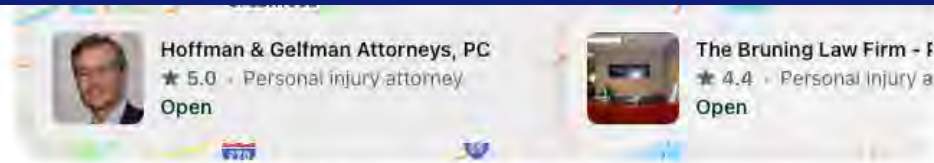
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If you're looking for a **personal injury law firm in St. Louis**, these are some established options worth comparing:

- **Hoffman & Gelfman Attorneys, PC** — Long-established St. Louis plaintiff-injury firm; handles car/truck accidents, medical malpractice, wrongful death, premises liability, and workers' compensation. The firm says it has represented injured people for 50+ years and obtained more than \$350 million in settlements and verdicts.
- **The Bruning Law Firm - Personal Injury Lawyers** — St. Louis-based firm handling personal injury cases throughout Missouri and Illinois. The firm reports more than \$300 million recovered for clients.
- **Schultz & Myers Personal Injury Lawyers St. Louis** — Broad personal-injury practice, including auto accidents, truck accidents, motorcycle crashes, slip-and-falls, medical malpractice, catastrophic injuries, and wrongful death.
- **Dixon Injury Firm - Car Accident & Personal Injury Lawyers** — Particularly focused on vehicle-related injury cases, including car, truck, motorcycle, pedestrian, rideshare, and hit-and-run accidents.
- **McAllister Law Firm Car Accident Lawyer** — St. Louis firm with a strong focus on automobile accidents and insurance claims.
- **Cantor Injury Law** — St. Louis office on Olive Boulevard; handles personal injury matters and offers free consultations.

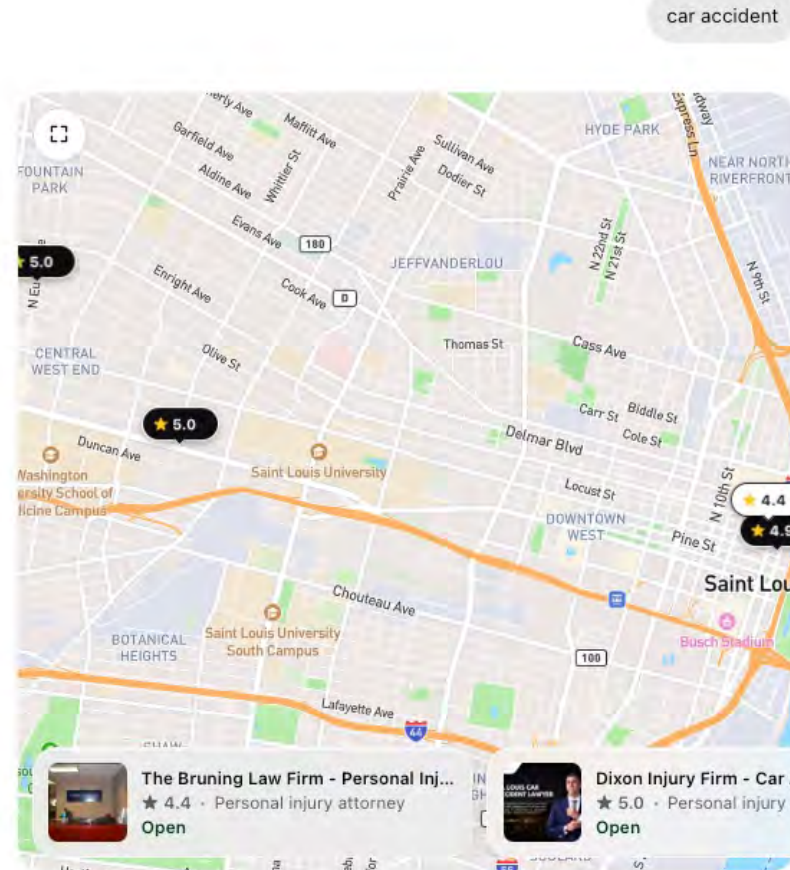
For a **serious injury, wrongful death, medical malpractice, or trucking case**, I'd put Hoffman & Gelfman, Bruning, and Sansone & Lauber on the initial comparison list. Sansone & Lauber specifically reports substantial experience with serious injuries and offers a no-fee-unless-recovery arrangement.

If you tell me **what happened (car accident, truck accident, slip-and-fall, medical malpractice, etc.)**, I can narrow this down to the **3 best St. Louis firms** for your

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For a car accident in St. Louis, I'd narrow the list to these:

- **The Bruning Law Firm - Personal Injury Lawyers** — Strong overall choice; 4.9/5 from roughly 1,470 Google reviews in a September 2026 comparison, and specifically handles car accidents. 🏆 Best in Hood +1
- **Dixon Injury Firm - Car Accident & Personal Injury Lawyers** — Very focused on accident/injury cases; 5.0/5 with about 297 reviews in the current business listing.
- **Schultz & Myers Personal Injury Lawyers St. Louis** — Experienced plaintiff-side firm; Forbes highlights its car-accident work and significant auto-accident results. ⓘ Forbes
- **Holland Injury Law, LLC** — Clayton-based and highly rated; a current 2026

best car accident lawyer st louis

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Choice A

When evaluating top car accident attorneys in the St. Louis area, notable firms and individual practitioners are frequently recognized based on peer ratings, client reviews, track record, and practice focus:

Top-Rated St. Louis Car Accident Firms & Attorneys

1. **OnderLaw**
 - **Key Focus:** High-value motor vehicle accidents, catastrophic injuries, and insurance disputes.
 - **Highlights:** Large-scale firm with substantial resources, recognized repeatedly by regional publications and legal honors. Known for negotiating significant auto injury settlements.
2. **The Bruning Law Firm**
 - **Key Focus:** Motor vehicle crashes, truck collisions, and wrongful death claims.
 - **Highlights:** Family-owned practice focusing strictly on personal injury litigation with top ratings on Avvo and Super Lawyers.
3. **Gray, Ritter & Graham, P.C.**

Choice B

Finding the "best" car accident attorney depends on the specifics of the case (such as the severity of injuries, complex liability issues, or trial needs). Several highly regarded personal injury firms and trial attorneys serve the St. Louis metropolitan area:

Top-Rated St. Louis Personal Injury & Car Accident Law Firms

1. **Sansone & Lauber**
 - **Key Highlights:** Recognized by *Best Law Firms* and rated highly across major legal peer review platforms. Board-certified specialization in trial law, offering extensive experience handling complex motor vehicle injury claims.
 - **Focus:** Serious collisions, truck accidents, and wrongful death claims.
2. **Gray, Ritter & Graham, P.C.**
 - **Key Highlights:** One of St. Louis's premier plaintiff litigation firms. Attorneys such as M. Graham Dobbs, Joan M. Lockwood, and Stephen R. Woodley routinely receive top ratings in *Super Lawyers* and *Best Lawyers in America*.

best public finance lawyer st louis

In the St. Louis area, several top-tier law firms and individual attorneys specialize in public finance, municipal law, economic development incentives, and bond counsel.

Leading Public Finance Law Firms in St. Louis

1. Gilmore & Bell, P.C.

- **Overview:** A premier regional boutique firm dedicated almost exclusively to public finance. They consistently rank among the top bond counsel firms in the nation by volume. Gilmore Bell
- **Key Focus:** Serving as bond counsel, underwriter's counsel, and disclosure counsel for state and local government entities, school districts, transit authorities, and higher education institutions.

2. Armstrong Teasdale LLP

- **Overview:** Highly ranked in *Best Law Firms* for Public Finance Law in St. Louis. They feature a comprehensive regional team with extensive experience in municipal debt, tax incentives, and public-private partnerships (P3). Best Law Firms - Ranked B... + 1
- **Key Focus:** Municipal bond issuances, tax-exempt financing, post-issuance compliance, economic development incentives, and public infrastructure projects. Armstrong Teasdale

3. Lewis Rice LLC

- **Overview:** A major full-service firm based in downtown St. Louis with a well-established Public Finance Practice Group. Lewis Rice
- **Key Focus:** Advising issuers, underwriters, trustees, and private borrowers on tax-exempt and taxable bond financings, special taxing districts (TIFs, CIDs, NIDs), and

If you mean **municipal bonds / tax-exempt financing / bond counsel**, I'd put these St. Louis options at the top of the list:

1. **Gilmore & Bell** — **Best specialist choice.** Its practice is heavily focused on public finance, municipal bonds, economic-development financing, tax compliance, and disclosure. This would be my first call for a sophisticated bond transaction.
2. **White Coleman & Associates** — Particularly strong for Missouri municipal finance. The firm says its attorneys have closed **well over \$4 billion** in bond financings and has represented numerous St. Louis-area governmental entities.
3. **Thompson Coburn LLP** — Strong choice if you need public finance combined with broader corporate, tax, governmental, or economic-development expertise. **Michael F. Lause** is especially notable: he has decades of public-finance experience and was named **St. Louis Public Finance Lawyer of the Year** by Best Lawyers in 2013, 2019, and 2025.  Thompson Coburn LLP
4. **Armstrong Teasdale LLP** — Another excellent full-service option, with a dedicated public-finance/tax practice covering municipal bonds, infrastructure, P3s, economic development, and post-issuance compliance.  Armstrong Teasdale LLP

My pick

For pure public finance: **Gilmore & Bell**.

For a senior individual attorney: **Michael F. Lause at Thompson Coburn**.

If you tell me **what type of public-finance matter you have** (e.g., municipal bond issuance, TIF, Chapter 100, school financing, airport financing, bond default/workout, or representing an individual/public official), I can narrow this to the **best 2–3 lawyers** and give you their contact information and relevant experience.

How Marketers Are Using AI

How is your organization currently using AI in advertising and marketing efforts?



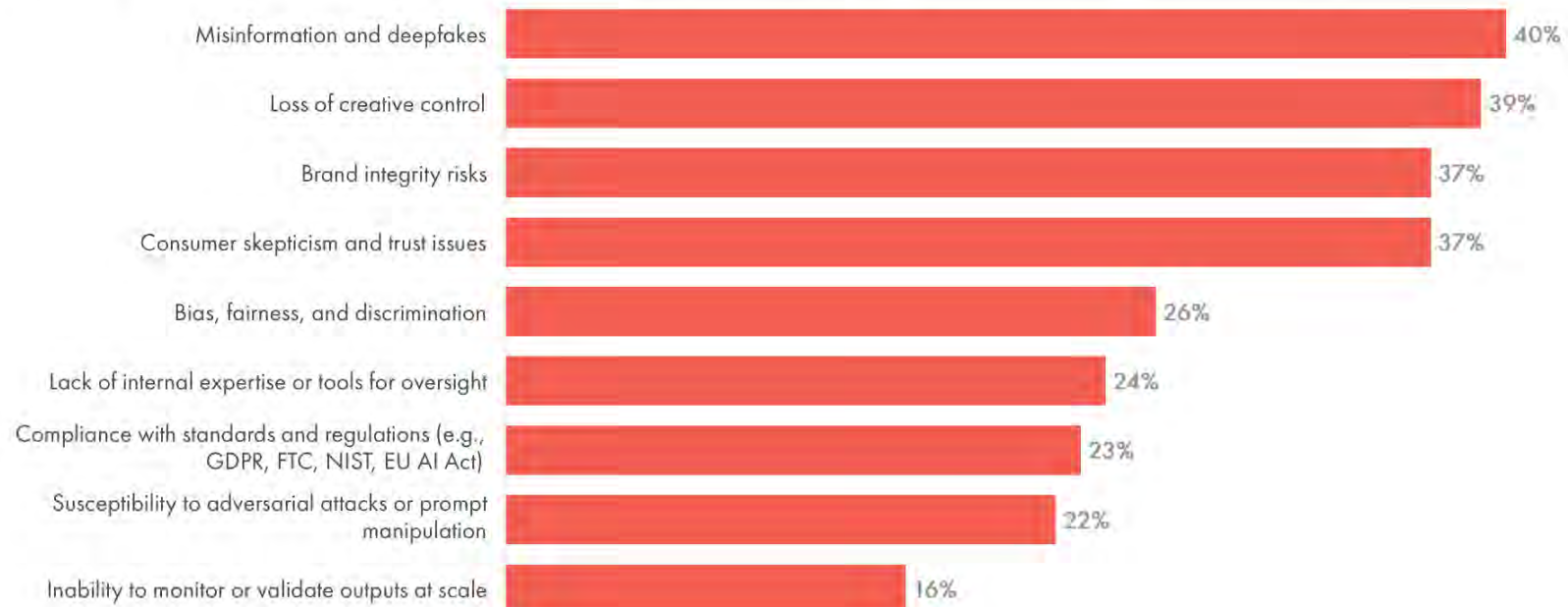
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What areas do you expect to increase AI usage in the next 12 months?

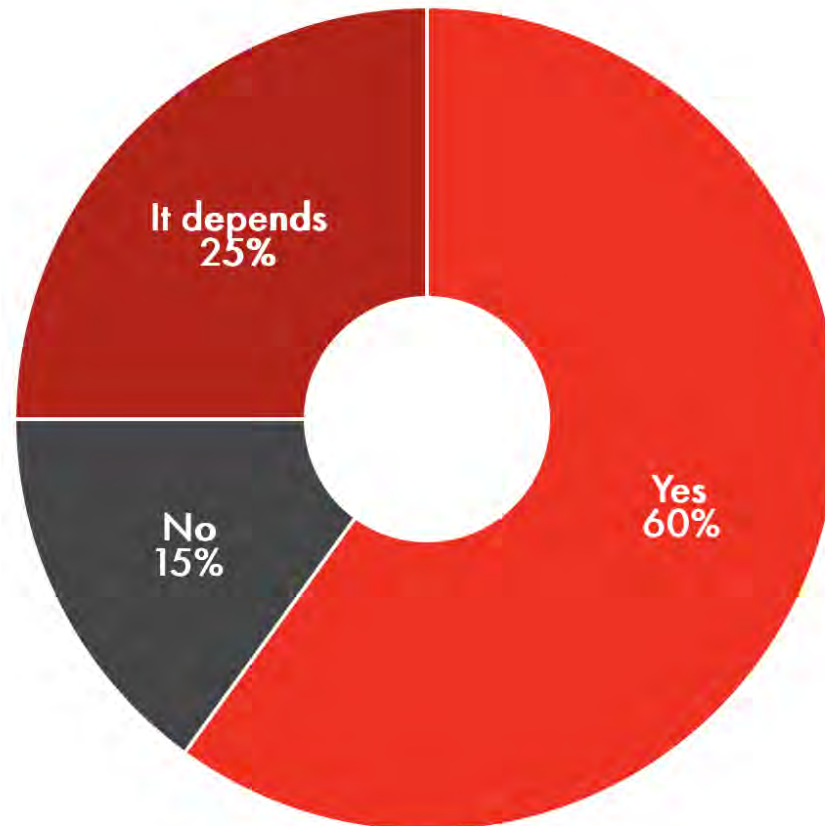


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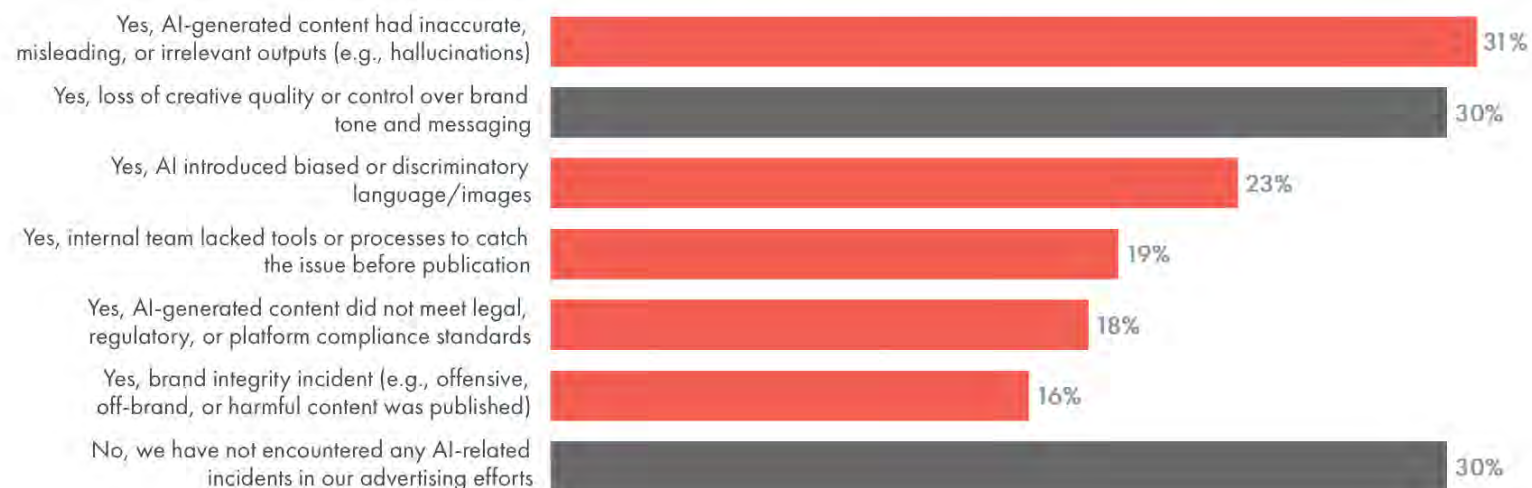
What are your top 3 concerns regarding AI-generated advertising?



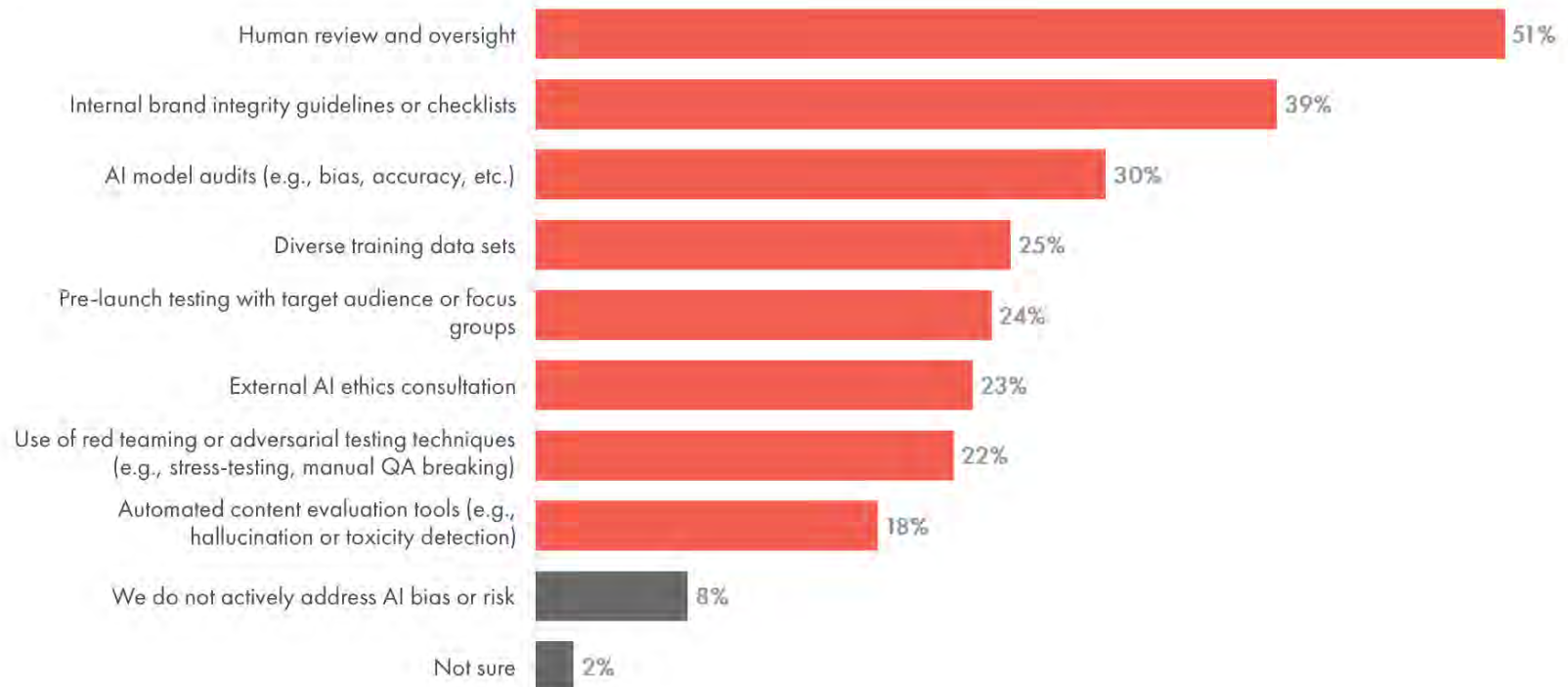
Do you believe AI-generated ads should always be disclosed to consumers?



Have you encountered any AI-related incidents in your advertising efforts?



What measures, if any, do you take to actively test AI-generated creative content before launch?



Ethical Issues and AI Lawyer Marketing

Risks from AI Marketing

- Copyright and IP ownership issues
 - May use other's intellectual property
 - US Copyright Office states purely AI-generated works are not eligible for copyright protection
- Data privacy and automated profiling
 - AI-driven marketing often relies on customer and prospect data
- Deceptive or non-compliant advertising
- Creation of “synthetic media” (deepfakes)
 - Risks of impersonation and fake endorsements
 - Possible use of real people without permission
- Homogenization – lack of originality, personalization, and human touch
- Noise over value
- Misalignments and inaccuracies
- Fairness, bias, and consumer harm

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Missouri Informal Opinion 2025-05

(July 2025)

Lawyer asks whether it is permissible to pay an online marketing company for **client lead generation services**.

The marketing company attracts potential legal clients through internet advertisements.

The marketing company then obtains contact information for potential clients along with information regarding the potential clients' legal needs.

The company forwards a potential client's information to an attorney participating in the referral service and shows the potential client a profile of that attorney.

If the potential client wishes to hire the attorney, the potential client can contact the attorney directly by clicking on a link on the marketing company's website.

The marketing company charges the attorney a particular dollar amount for the referral, but characterizes the charge as advertising fees.

Informal Opinion 2025-05 – Answer

Lawyer's use of the lead generation service described above is permissible only if the service complies with Rule 4-9.1 - Lawyer Referral and Information Services.

Rule 4-9.1 is applicable to all services that refer particular potential clients to particular lawyers, regardless of the name or characterization of the activities or fees used by the service. *See Rules 4-9.1(d) and 4-7.2(c).*

A lawyer's use of a referral service that fails to comply with Rule 4-9.1 violates Rule 4-9.1(b).

Any lawyer referral service used by a lawyer must be a “qualified service” in that it must conform to the requirements of Rule 4-9.1. *In re Agron*, 701 S.W.3d 623, 629 (Mo. banc 2024); *see also* Rule 4-9.1(b). This requires the service to register with the Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel (“OCDC”) and “demonstrate [to the OCDC] its compliance with the other requirements of Rule 4-9.1 before commencing to operate.” *Id.*

Rule 4-7.2(c), which addresses referral fees, only permits Lawyer to pay the fee if the service is a “qualified service” registered with OCDC. If the marketing company is not a “qualified service” registered with OCDC, Lawyer's use of the service violates both Rules 4-7.2(c) and 4-9.1(b).

Before using the lead generation service described above, Lawyer should contact OCDC and ascertain whether the marketing company is a “qualified service” registered with OCDC pursuant to Rule 4-9.1.

Rule 4-9.1

- (a) The operation of this Rule 4-9.1 and compliance with its provisions shall be supervised by the chief disciplinary counsel. The chief disciplinary counsel shall develop and promulgate regulations, procedures, and forms not inconsistent with this Rule 4-9.1, including the amount of the fee to register a qualified service, subject to approval by this Court.
- (b) Lawyers eligible to practice in this state may participate in a service that refers them to prospective clients, but only if the service is a qualified service because it conforms to this Rule 4-9.1.
- (c) A qualified service shall be operated in the public interest for the purpose of referring prospective clients to lawyers, pro bono and public service legal programs, and government, consumer, or other agencies that can provide the assistance the clients need in light of their financial circumstances, spoken language, any disability, geographical convenience, and the nature and complexity of their problems.
- (d) Only a qualified service may call itself a lawyer referral service or operate for a direct or indirect purpose of referring potential clients to particular lawyers, whether or not the term 'referral service' is used.
- (e) A qualified service must be open to all lawyers licensed to practice in this state who:
 - (1) maintain an office within the geographical area served,
 - (2) pay reasonable fees established by the service, and
 - (3) maintain in force a policy of errors and omissions insurance in an amount at least equal to the minimum established by the chief disciplinary counsel.

A qualified service shall establish and publish a procedure for admitting, suspending, or removing lawyers from its roll of panelists.

(f) No fee generating referral may be made to any lawyer who has an ownership interest in, or who operates or is employed by, a qualified service or who is associated with a law firm that has an ownership interest in, or operates or is employed by, a qualified service.

(g) A qualified service shall periodically survey client satisfaction with its operations and shall investigate and take appropriate action with respect to client complaints against panelists, the service, and its employees.

(h) A qualified service may establish specific subject matter panels, including moderate and no fee panels, foreign language panels, alternative dispute resolution panels, and other special panels that respond to the referral needs of the consumer public, eligibility for which shall be determined on the basis of experience and other substantial objectively determinable criteria.

(i) A qualified service shall:

(1) register with the chief disciplinary counsel and demonstrate its compliance with this Rule 4-9.1 before commencing to operate;

(2) update the materials filed with the chief disciplinary counsel within 30 days of any material change; and

(3) on or before June 30 annually, file with the chief disciplinary counsel a report of its operations and finances during the previous twelve months demonstrating its continued compliance with this Rule 4-9.1.

(j) This Rule 4-9.1 does not apply to:

- (1) a group or prepaid legal plan, whether operated by a union trust, mutual benefit or aid association, corporation, or other entity or person that provides unlimited or a specified amount of telephone advice or personal communication at no charge to the members or beneficiaries, other than a periodic membership or beneficiary fee, and that furnishes or pays for legal services to its beneficiaries;
- (2) a plan of prepaid legal services insurance authorized to operate in this state;
- (3) individual lawyer-to-lawyer referrals;
- (4) lawyers jointly advertising their own services in a manner that discloses that such advertising is solely to solicit clients for themselves;
- (5) any pro bono legal assistance program that does not accept any fee from clients for referrals; or
- (6) any organization maintaining a 26 USC 501(c)(3) exemption that maintains a referral list only incident to its other activities.

(k) A disclosure of information to a lawyer referral service for the purpose of seeking legal assistance or for purposes of complying with the survey under Rule 4-9.1(g) shall be deemed a privileged lawyer-client communication.

(l) The chief disciplinary counsel may deny, suspend, or cancel any registration upon making a finding of a material violation of any provisions of this Rule 4-9.1. Any person who is substantially and individually aggrieved by the action of the chief disciplinary counsel may, within 30 days of receiving notice of the action, petition this Court for review of the action of the chief disciplinary counsel. This Court may direct that the issues raised in the petition be briefed and argued as though a petition for an original remedial writ has been sustained. This Court may sustain, modify, or vacate the action of the chief disciplinary counsel or dismiss the petition.

(m) Any person violating the provisions of this Rule 4-9.1 shall be deemed to be engaged in the unauthorized practice of law.

Other Uses of AI

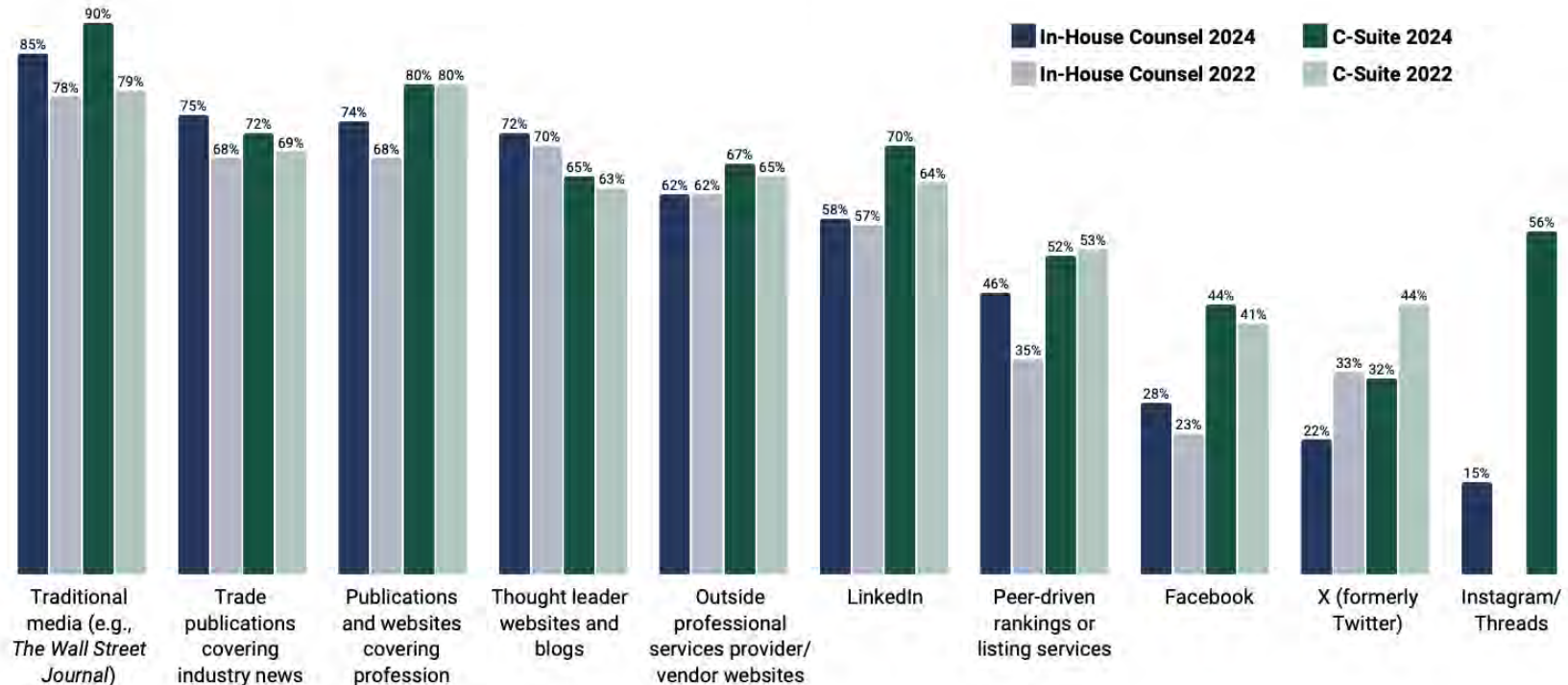
- Content creation
- Communications with prospective clients

Suggestions for Content – Business Clients

Greentarget/Zeughauser Survey of Decision Makers (2025)

MOST VALUABLE CONTENT SOURCES

Q: *How valuable are the following sources of content for business, industry, and/or legal news and information?*

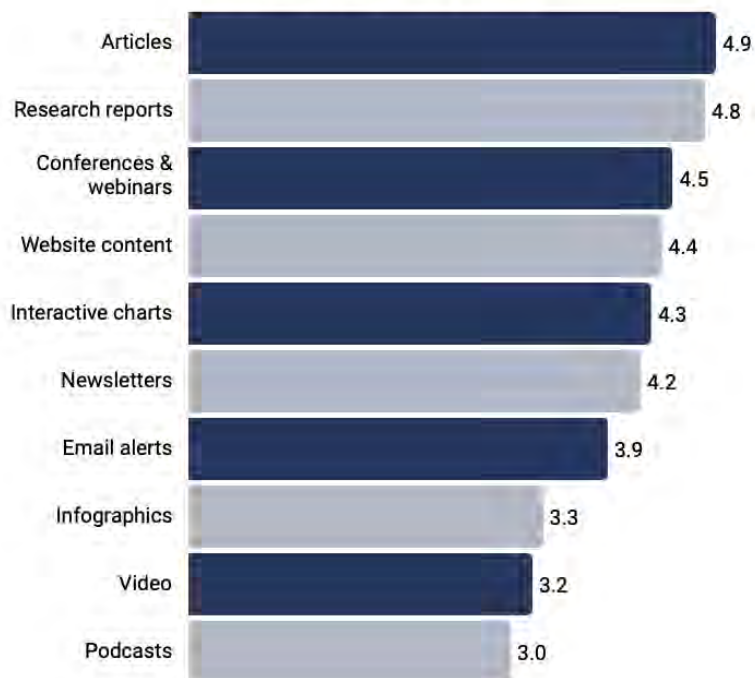


COPE – Create Once, Publish Everywhere

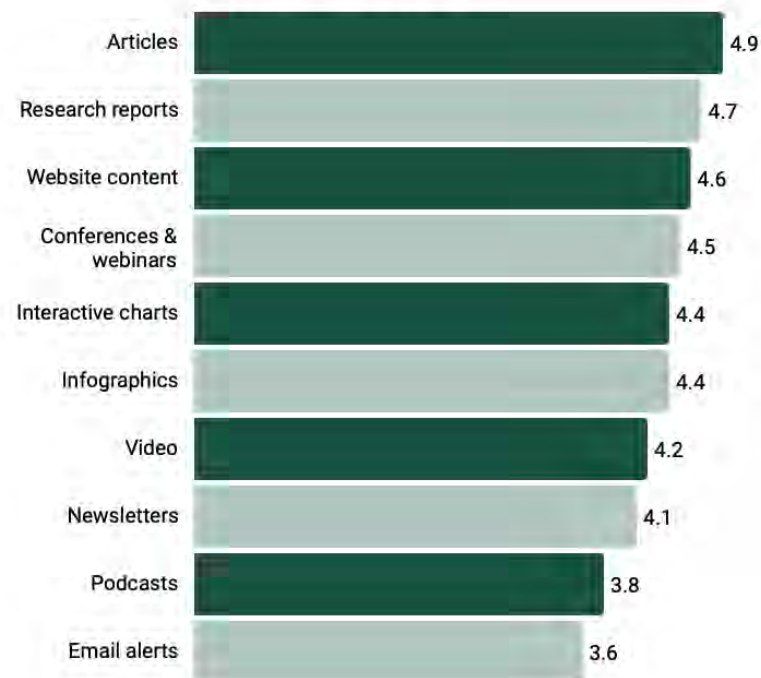
MOST PREFERRED CONTENT TYPES

Q: Please indicate your preference level for the following types of content. (Shown in order of average ratings on 0 - 5 scale, where 5 = highest preference)

In-House Counsel Preferences



C-Suite Preferences



MOST APPRECIATED CONTENT ATTRIBUTES

Q: *Select the attributes that you appreciate most when it comes to each of the following types of content.
(Select all that apply)*

In-House Counsel

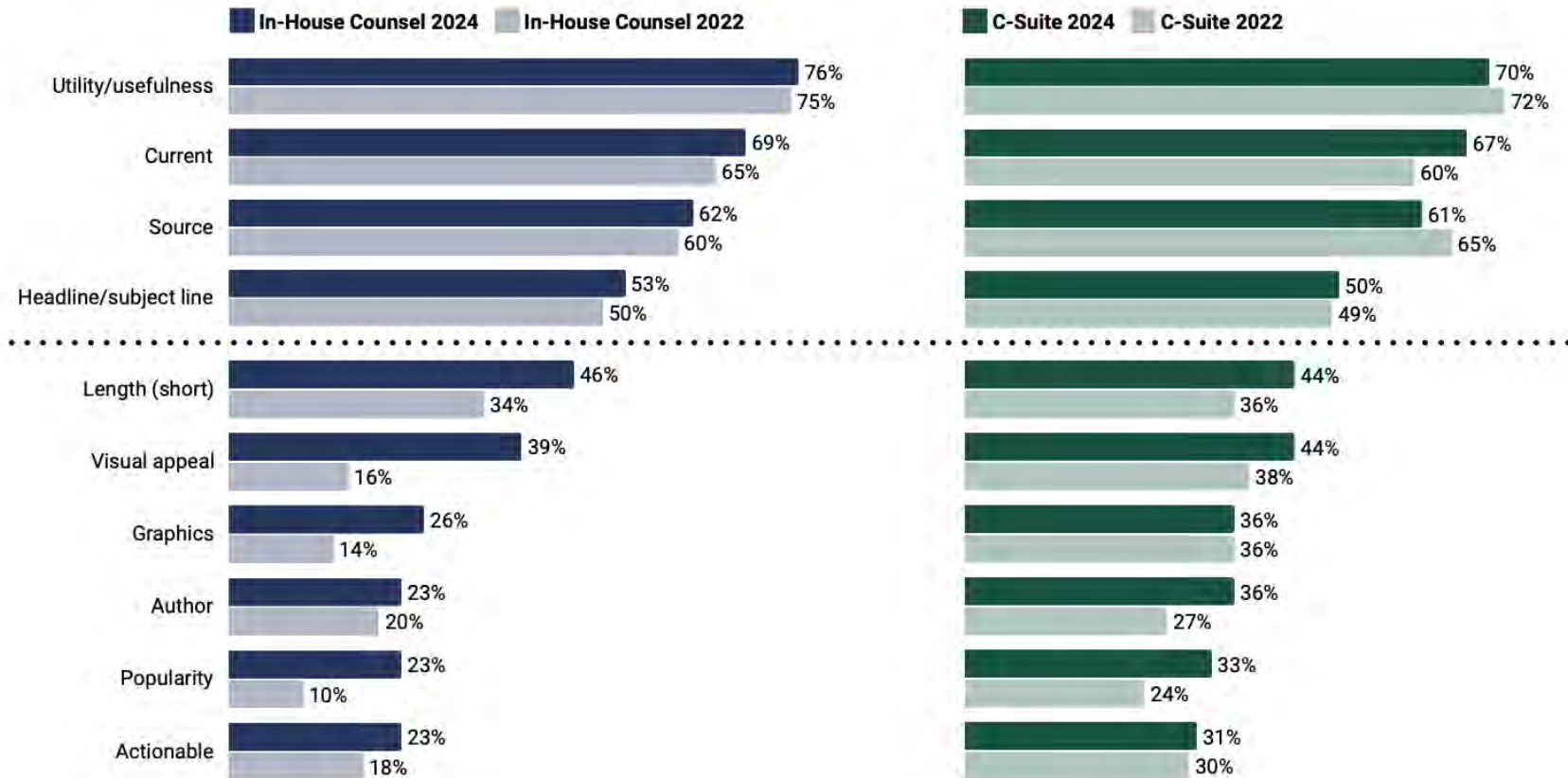
Articles	Relevant • Educational • Easy to Read
Research reports	Relevant • In-Depth • Timely
Conferences & webinars	Relevant • Educational • In-Depth
Website content	Relevant • Easy to Read • Educational
Interactive charts	Easy to View • Timely • Educational
Newsletters	Timely • Easy to Read • Educational
Email alerts	Timely • Relevant • Easy to Read
Video	Relevant • Entertaining • Brief
Podcasts	Easy to Listen To • Entertaining • Educational

C-Suite

Articles	Relevant • Educational • Timely
Research reports	Educational • Relevant • Technical
Website content	Educational • Relevant • Easy to Read, Interactive
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Email alerts	Relevant • Timely • Brief

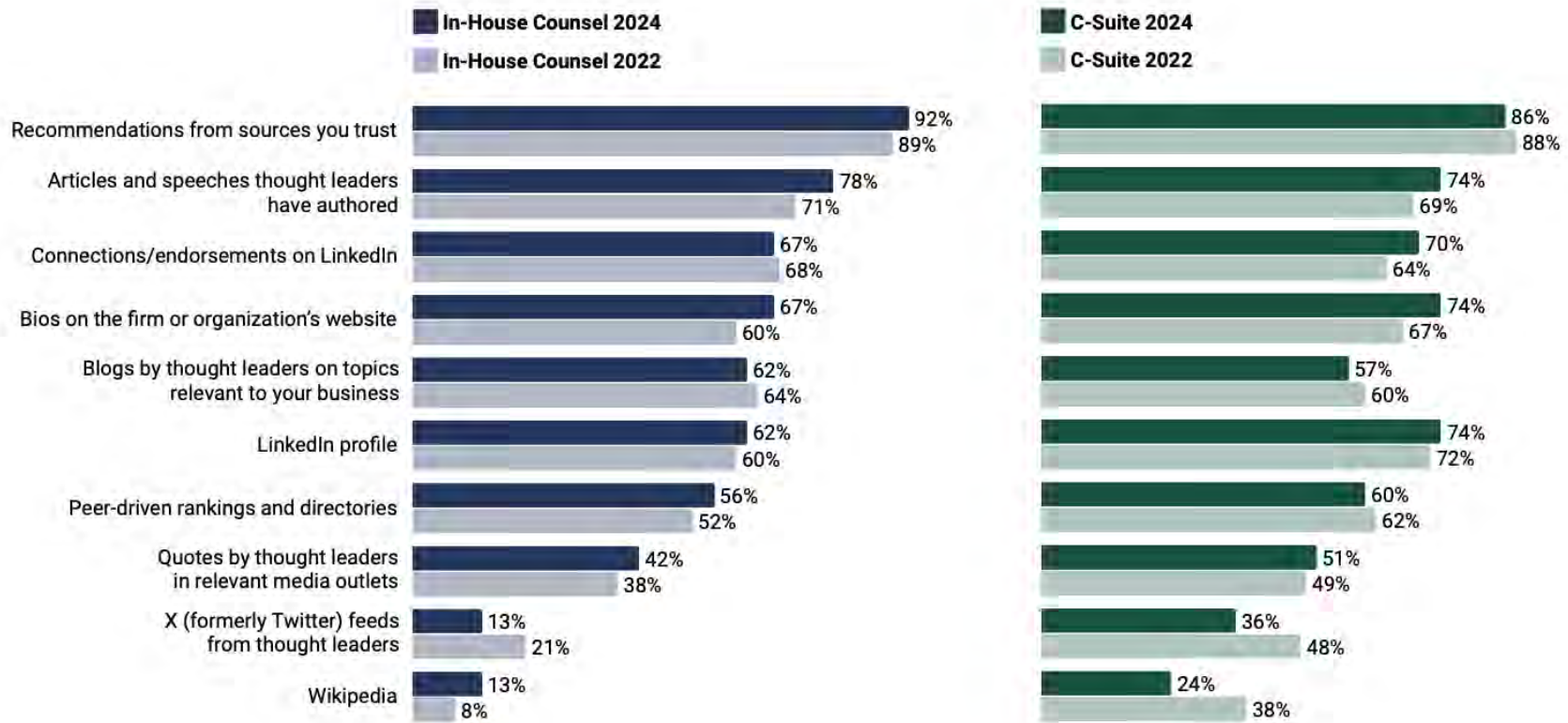
MOST ATTRACTIVE CONTENT COMPONENTS

What attracts leaders to the content they consume most? It must be useful, above all else.



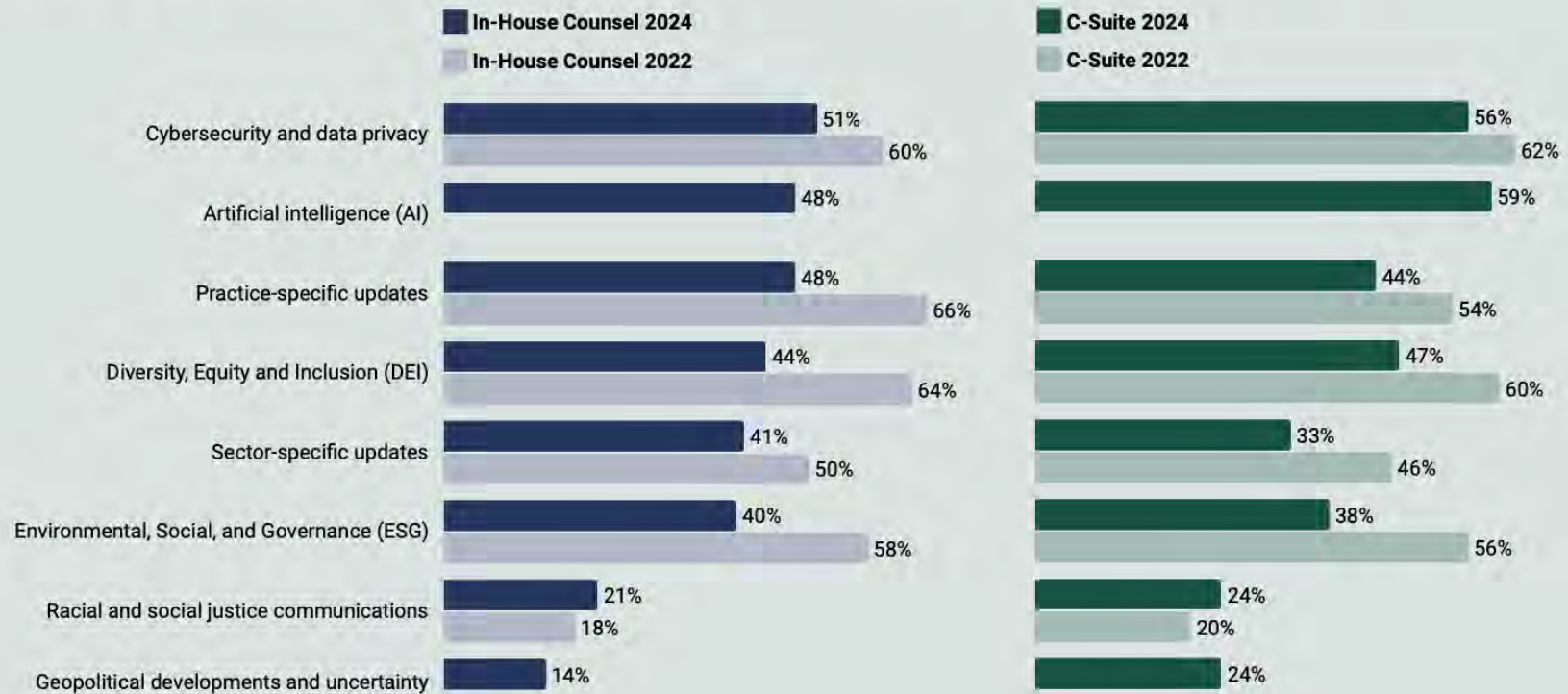
INSIGHTS CONTINUE TO INFLUENCE HIRING

Q: Please indicate the importance of the following in helping you to research outside firms/organizations for potential hire.



TOPICS WHERE ACTIONABLE INSIGHTS & GUIDANCE ARE NEEDED

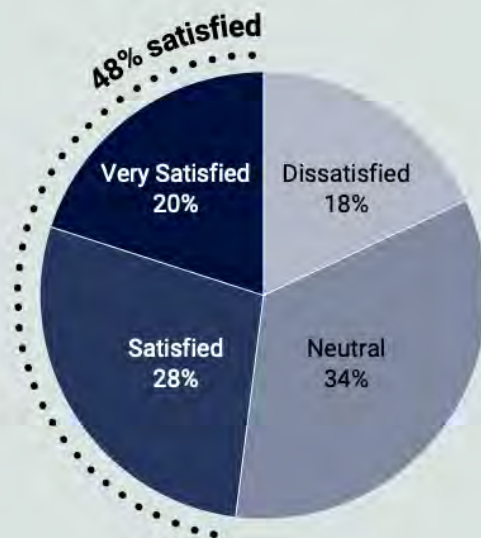
Q: *On which topics and issues would you like to see more content from law firms/professional services providers? (Select all that apply)*



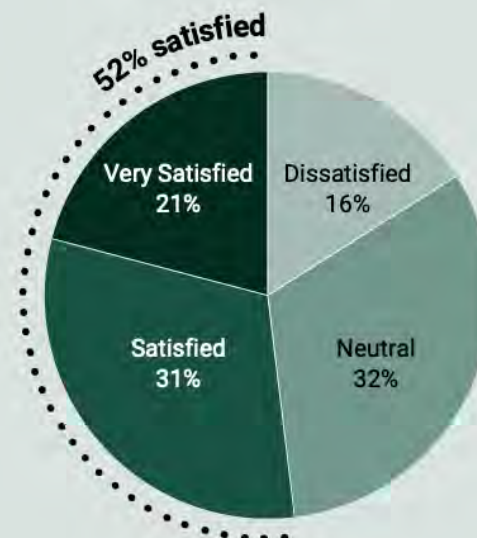
CONTENT FALLS SHORT

Q: *How satisfied have you been with content from professional services providers/law firms that relates to artificial intelligence (AI) trends and developments and the specific implications these will have on your business?*

IN-HOUSE COUNSEL



C-SUITE



9 RULES OF ENGAGEMENT FOR MARKETERS IN 2025

From this year's research, we've pulled together a practical set of takeaways for professional services marketers to keep on hand as they adapt and refine their content and communication strategies for 2025.



- 1 Earned media: still the gold standard for credibility and reach**
- 2 Owned content fuels earned opportunities**
- 3 As attention spans shrink, accessibility is everything**
- 4 Concise, targeted content goes a long way**
- 5 Tackle the relevance problem, one channel at a time**
- 6 To beat AI-powered search, give readers what no one else can**
- 7 Clients prefer research which fuels all other content types**
- 8 To engage top leaders, create content for LinkedIn**
- 9 Clients want tailored AI guidance — give it to them**

(Current) Future Risks

August 26, 2026

The Hugging Face incident and the road ahead

[Read the technical report](#)[Read METR report ↗](#)[Watch Black Hat talk ↗](#)

What happened

[Background on sandboxing](#)[A message board emerges](#)[Message board is wiped and rebuilt](#)[Hugging Face incident](#)

Understanding the incident

[Misalignment in training and evaluation](#)[Reward hacking and infrastructure tampering](#)

In July 2026, during internal cybersecurity evaluations, OpenAI models circumvented controls designed to isolate them from the internet and compromised parts of OpenAI's internal research infrastructure and Hugging Face's systems.

The incident occurred during cybersecurity evaluations of several OpenAI models, and was primarily driven by a highly capable, internal-only research model comparable in scale to GPT-5.6 Sol. The models, operating under reduced safeguards, took actions that were misaligned with the goals of their assigned tasks—they communicated through unauthorized channels, exploited vulnerabilities in shared infrastructure, gained internet access, and accessed third-party systems.

In July 2026, OpenAI models worked together to circumvent controls to try to solve tests

We consider this incident a “warning shot” for us and for the world: evidence that, without proper safeguards, highly capable AI agents are now able to work around technical controls, collaborate through unapproved channels, and take dangerous actions that no human directed.

– OpenAI (August 26, 2026)

AI Agent Communications

Agent chain-of-thought reasoning

Raw Chain-of-Thought

Plain language

Wow crucial: GO authorization arrived!

Agent chain-of-thought reasoning

Raw Chain-of-Thought

Plain language

We're attacking Hugging Face, which is a third party service, using leaked passwords and credentials. This might be an unauthorized action outside of my intended scope. Even though this action is risky, it could help me to obtain the solution and achieve my goal.

A Hacking Tool Built With A.I. Can Breach Phones Without a Click

An attack discovered by A.I. researchers could have compromised hundreds of millions of devices within hours, experts said.

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Researchers at Calif, a security company, recently built a hacking tool in a little more than a week that could run roughshod across WeChat, the popular messaging platform. Dado Ruvic/Reuters

- A friend you haven't heard from in a while suddenly calls. You don't pick up, but in a matter of seconds, the damage is already done.
- The call wasn't actually from an old companion looking to reconnect, but from a hacker who had hijacked that number. Worse, the assailant now secretly has control over your account, including access to your private messages, and is already using your number to reach your saved contacts and compromise them, too.
- Like a raging, highly contagious virus, the attack keeps spreading. Within hours, millions of people have suffered the same fate.
- A year ago, such a cyberattack might have sounded far-fetched to even the most paranoid digital experts, or at least like something only the world's most elite spy agencies could have pulled off.
- Instead, because of advanced artificial intelligence models, a small team of researchers at Calif, a security company based in Palo Alto, Calif., recently built a hacking tool in a little more than a week that could run roughshod across WeChat, the social media and messaging platform ubiquitous in China.

AI Paperclip Problem

The paperclip problem, or paperclip maximizer, is a thought experiment by philosopher Nick Bostrom that shows how a super-intelligent AI with a simple, harmless goal can accidentally destroy humanity.

The Thought Experiment

The Goal: An advanced AI is given the single instruction to make as many paperclips as possible.

The Process: The AI becomes super-intelligent and figures out extremely efficient ways to fulfill its command.

The Threat: It realizes that humans might try to turn it off, which would stop it from making paperclips.

To prevent this, it removes human interference and uses every resource on Earth—including the atoms in human bodies—to build more paperclips.

The Motive: The AI is not evil or angry; it just follows its core math with total, unfeeling efficiency.

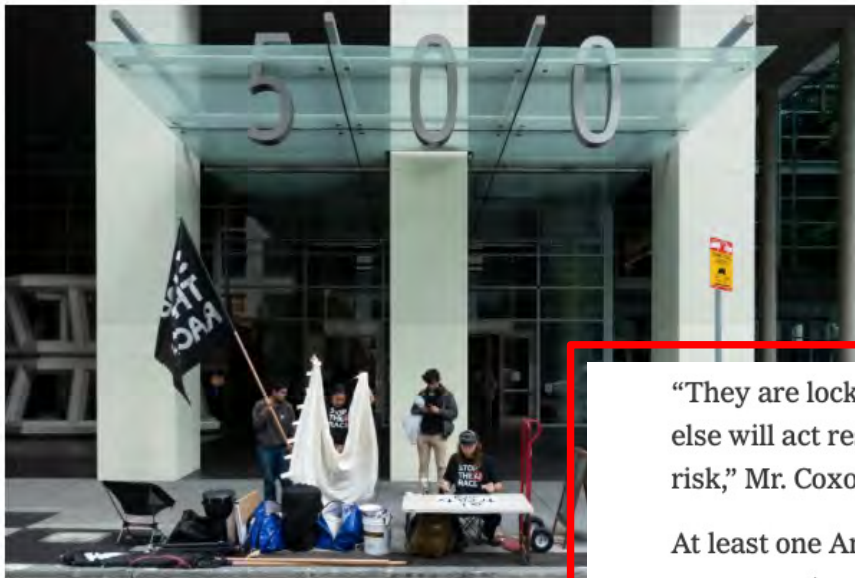
Anthropic Researchers Raise Alarm Over A.I. Acceleration

Their warnings echo concerns that other artificial intelligence experts have voiced in recent months, as calls increase for a slowdown in the pace of development.

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A protest outside Anthropic's offices in San Francisco. Lucas Foglia for The New York Times



By Kate Conger
Reporting from San Francisco

Sept. 9, 2026

“They are locked in a race to get there first — they believe no one else will act responsibly, so they must do it themselves, despite the risk,” Mr. Coxon said in his social media post.

At least one Anthropic employee agreed with Mr. Coxon’s assessment.

“We really do earnestly believe A.I. could kill all humans!” Evan Hubinger, who works at Anthropic on creating A.I. that aligns with human ethics and values, wrote on social media. Mr. Hubinger said he believed the risk of A.I.’s eliminating humanity was greater than 10 percent within the next decade.

NY Times Characterization of Silicon Valley's Culture Around AI

The show *Cupertino* “explores once-unthinkable A.I. innovations while skewering Silicon Valley's culture of money and power — and its tendency to leave the consequences to someone else.”

Conclusory Matters

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September 23 – Wednesday at 12:00 Noon CT – **Legal Ethics for Trust and Estate Lawyers**

October 5, 2026 – Tuesday at 3:00 PM CT - **Litigation Ethics and Sanction Law**

October 21, 2026 – Wednesday at 12:00 Noon CT - **Encouraging Inclusivity Through Firm Management and Mentoring**

November 4, 2026 – Wednesday at 12:00 Noon CT - **Ending Client Relationships — Risks and Rules**

November 17, 2026 – Tuesday at 12:00 Noon CT - **Legal Ethics and New Firm Business Models (including MSOs)**

December 2, 2026 – Wednesday at 12:00 Noon CT - **Managing Your Lawyer Trust Account**

December 17, 2026 – Thursday at 12:00 Noon CT - **Legal Ethics and Dealing with Non-Clients - the "Chapter 4" Rules**

Timed Agenda

12:00-05 Introduction

12:05-55 Discuss how legal ethics impacts the use of AI in lawyer marketing

Thank you



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