

American Health Law Association AI Editorial Guidelines

These AI Editorial Guidelines outline our policies for volunteer authors, speakers, and others contributing to the American Health Law Association's books, articles, presentations, and other educational materials. These guidelines aim to ensure that volunteers' use of AI tools complements the creative process while maintaining the integrity, originality, and authenticity of each volunteer's contribution.

1. The Importance of a Contributor's Unique Voice

AHLA values the unique voice and expertise of every contributor. If AI is used during the creation process, it is crucial for the volunteer to revise and tailor the content to reflect the contributor's distinctive perspective and professional expertise. Contributors should review all submissions that will carry their names and ensure that the works are entirely their own.

2. AI as a Complementary Tool; Not a Replacement for Professional Judgment

The volunteer contributor's oversight and professional judgment are imperative throughout the entire creation process. Volunteer contributors may choose to use AI-driven tools for brainstorming, content structuring, or the like. However, the author's insights, expertise, and creativity are integral to the content's quality and impact. AI should complement, not in any way supplant, the contributor's original work. Whether or not AI tools are used to assist with drafting or editing, the responsibility for the currency, accuracy, balance, tone, and usefulness of the work to other professionals rests with the volunteer contributor.

3. Cite-Checking and Fact-Checking Required

All AI-generated text used in the development of articles, presentations, books, or other educational materials must undergo thorough review for accuracy, including cite-checking and fact-checking. Contributors are responsible for ensuring that their submissions are accurate, reliable, and appropriately supported with references to verified primary source materials, respected sources, and (where applicable), functional URLs. Quotations must be marked as such and be attributed to sources that can be readily accessed by the intended audience. References must be to trusted sources and must be verified by the volunteer contributor prior to submission. All volunteers are required to sign a "Copyright License" or "Speaker Release" which warrants that materials are original to the volunteer, and do not infringe any third party's intellectual property rights.

4. Do Not Upload AHLA Materials to AI Tools

Contributors are strictly prohibited from uploading to, or inputting AHLA materials into, AI tools. Examples include, but are not limited to, conference papers, articles, or previous versions of a book chapter. Doing so may cause copyrighted materials to become AI training data and could lead to the material's inclusion in future AI-generated output distributed to other public users of the tool. This creates the potential for unauthorized and unvetted works being attributed to AHLA and its individual contributors.

By adhering to these AI Editorial Guidelines, contributors will help ensure that their work remains true to their own voice, accurate and useful, and aligned with AHLA's educational mission.