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The Associate to the Hon Justice Robert Mitchell
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Dear Associate

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PRACTICE DIRECTION: CONSULTATION NOTE

I refer to the letter dated 26 February 2025 from the Hon Justice Robert Mitchell inviting the Law Society of Western Australia to provide feedback on the proposed practice direction on the use of artificial intelligence by the legal profession in court proceedings. The Law Society welcomes the opportunity to respond on behalf of the legal profession to the matters raised in the Supreme Court of Western Australia consultation note.

The use of artificial intelligence (AI) is an issue of increasing importance to Law Society members across all areas of legal practice. The Law Society is currently developing resources to educate and assist local practitioners and is also working with the Law Council of Australia and the other State and Territory law societies to develop guidance for the broader legal profession.

The Law Society encourages the Supreme Court to consider evidence-based submissions prior to determining whether to publish any form of practice direction or guidance on the use of AI for the Western Australian jurisdiction. The Society's response to each of the consultation questions in the letter is set out in the enclosed submission.

The Law Society welcomes the opportunity to participate in future discussions on the form and content of any future Court publication on this issue. If you have any queries regarding the Society's submissions, please contact Susie Moir, General Manager Advocacy and Development (smoir@lawsocietywa.asn.au) or Michaela Speering Lawyer, Advocacy and Development (mspeering@lawsocietywa.asn.au) and on 9324 8600.

Yours sincerely



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