

THE AI ISSUE

Editor's Message: Artificial intelligence is already influencing the practice of law in ways both large and small. From legal research and document drafting to firm management and client service, attorneys are increasingly encountering AI-powered tools in their daily work. As their use becomes more widespread, so too do the questions surrounding professional responsibility, accuracy, confidentiality and supervision.

Recognizing the growing importance of these issues, the *Louisiana Bar Journal* has assembled a collection of articles examining AI from several practical perspectives. Rather than offering a single viewpoint, this feature package explores how artificial intelligence is affecting lawyers across different areas of practice and highlights the ethical and professional considerations that accompany its use.

The authors discuss topics ranging from technological competence and the Rules of Professional Conduct to practical applications, law firm workflows and the changing role of lawyers in an AI-assisted profession. Together, these articles underscore an important point: While the tools available to lawyers continue to evolve, the fundamental responsibilities of competence, independent judgment and service to clients remain unchanged. Those responsibilities remain, as always, in the hands of the lawyer.

Whether you are already incorporating AI into your practice or are simply seeking to better understand its implications, we hope this collection provides practical guidance and valuable perspective on one of the profession's most significant emerging topics.