

ORIGINAL

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF HAWAII

FILED IN THE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF HAWAII

NOV 14 2023

at 4 o'clock and 00 min. P M
Lucy H. Carrillo, Clerk

IN RE: USE OF UNVERIFIED SOURCES

GENERAL ORDER 23-1

Briefs and memoranda generated by artificial intelligence (AI) platforms (for example, ChatGPT or Bard) and online briefs or memoranda drafted by persons compensated to produce materials not tailored to specific cases (collectively, “unverified sources”), have increased the court’s concern about the reliability and accuracy of filings and other court submissions. In particular, the court is concerned about whether factual or legal citations or references in court filings and submissions have been properly vetted by counsel and pro se parties. For example, courts sometimes receive briefs containing fictitious case cites either generated by AI or by human authors.

To address these concerns, if any counsel or pro se party submits to the court any filing or submission generated by an unverified source, that attorney or pro se party must submit a declaration concurrently with that material captioned “Reliance on Unverified Source” that: (1) advises the court that counsel or the pro se party has relied on one or more unverified sources; and (2) verifies that the counsel or pro se party has confirmed that any such material is not fictitious. The

scope of the required declaration is that required by Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

This order does not affect the use of basic research tools such as Westlaw, Lexis, or Bloomberg, and no declaration is required if all sources can be located on such well-accepted basic research tools.

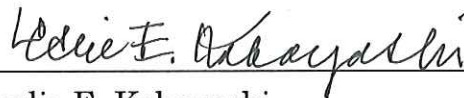
DATED: November 14, 2023 at Honolulu, Hawai'i.



Derrick K. Watson
Chief United States District Judge



J. Michael Seabright
United States District Judge



Leslie E. Kobayashi
United States District Judge



Jill A. Otake
United States District Judge