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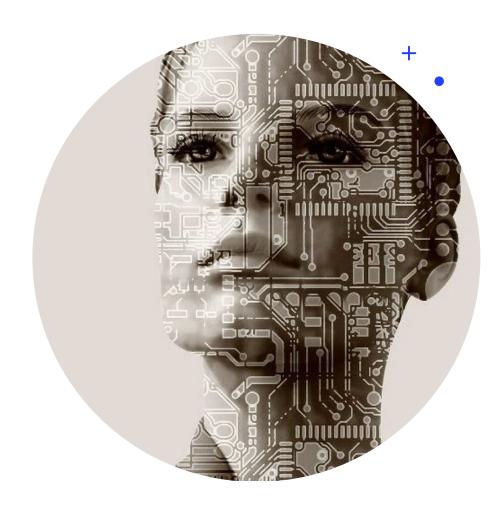


Introductions



Agenda

- How to Engage
- Grand Thesis
- Al in Historical Context
- Prompts
- Helping Al Help You Draft a Contract (Mark)





How to Engage



Follow Along

- Openai.com (ChatGPT 3.5 is free)
- Bard.google.com (Personal Gmail account)



Grand Thesis



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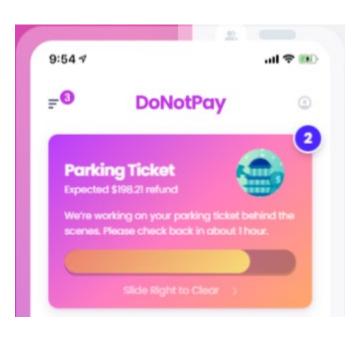
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Provide a detailed summary of the facts, holding, and rationale of the legal case Michigan v. Bryant, 562 U.S. 344 focusing on the confrontation clause and the primary purpose rule. Be concise.



Case: Michigan v. Bryant, 562 U.S. 344 (2011)

Facts: In Michigan v. Bryant, police officers responded to an emergency call at a gas station where they found a shooting victim who appeared to be in great pain and had difficulty speaking. The officers asked the victim questions to gather information about what happened, who shot him, and where the shooting occurred. The victim was later transferred to the hospital and died. At the trial, the police officers testified about the victim's statements to them at the scene.

Holding: The Court held that the victim's statements were not testimonial and did not violate the Confrontation Clause of the Sixth Amendment.

Rationale: The Court applied the "primary purpose" rule to determine the testimonial nature of the victim's statements. The "primary purpose" of the statements was to enable police assistance and address an ongoing emergency. The Court considered the circumstances of the event, which involved an ongoing emergency with a potential threat to public safety. The victim's statements were made to secure immediate aid and assistance, not to create evidence for later prosecution. Thus, the statements were considered nontestimonial and were admissible under the Confrontation Clause.



In Michigan v. Bryant, the Court considered several factors to determine the primary purpose of the victim's statements and whether they were testimonial or nontestimonial:

- Nature of the encounter: The Court assessed how the encounter between the victim and
 the police unfolded. The fact that the victim's statements were made in response to
 immediate questioning by the police at the scene of the ongoing emergency indicated a
 non-formal, spontaneous exchange.
- Emergency in progress: The Court considered whether an ongoing emergency was present
 at the time of the statements. The existence of an emergency shifted the focus of the
 participants away from creating evidence for future prosecution and towards seeking
 immediate assistance and protection.
- 3. Information necessary for emergency response: The Court evaluated whether the content of the statements was essential for police officers to respond effectively to the emergency. The victim's statements provided information about the perpetrator's identity, location, and potential threat to public safety.
- 4. Lack of formal structure: The informality of the questioning and the absence of a structured interview supported the view that the primary purpose was to address the ongoing emergency, rather than gathering evidence for trial.
- Public safety concerns: The Court considered whether the circumstances of the event raised public safety concerns and whether the victim's statements were vital to address those concerns promptly.

Taking these factors into account, the Court concluded that the primary purpose of the victim's statements was to enable police assistance in an ongoing emergency, making them nontestimonial and admissible under the Confrontation Clause.



Draft one paragraph of the law prohibiting spite fences in Michigan and then apply that law to a situation where Landowner 1 is angry that Landowner 2, who is a neighbor of Landowner 1, built a privacy fence but it blocks Landowner 1's view of a lake.



Title: Michigan Prohibition of Spite Fences Act

Paragraph:

Section 1. Prohibition of Spite Fences: It shall be unlawful for any property owner within the state of Michigan to construct or maintain a fence or structure, hereinafter referred to as a "spite fence," with the primary intent of annoying, vexing, or otherwise inflicting harm or inconvenience upon a neighboring property owner. A spite fence shall be deemed as any structure that is erected for the sole purpose of creating animosity, obstructing views, or diminishing the quality of life for adjacent landowners, without any reasonable or legitimate purpose.

Application to the Situation:

In the case of Landowner 1 and Landowner 2, it is evident that Landowner 2 has constructed a privacy fence bordering their property, effectively blocking Landowner 1's view of a lake. As per the Michigan Prohibition of Spite Fences Act, Landowner 1 would have grounds to contest the presence of the fence if it can be demonstrated that Landowner 2 erected the privacy fence out of malicious intent solely to obstruct Landowner 1's view of the lake. The determination of malicious intent may involve assessing the historical relationship between the two landowners, the visibility of the lake from other vantage points on Landowner 1's property, and any documented evidence or communication supporting Landowner 2'.

primary intent in building the fence. If it is proven that the fence was indeed a spite fence

All of this is wrong. We have to help our students help Al help their future clients.



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View other drafts V





Sure, here is a paragraph of the law prohibiting spite fences in Michigan:

Michigan law prohibits the construction of a "spite fence," which is a fence that is built with malicious intent and solely to obstruct a neighbor's light, air, or view, and serves no useful purpose or advantage to the landowner.

Here is how the law would apply to the situation you described:

- Landowner 1 could sue Landowner 2 for the construction of a spite fence.
- Landowner 1 would need to prove that the fence was built with malicious intent and solely to obstruct Landowner 1's view of the lake.
- If Landowner 1 is successful in proving that the fence is a spite fence, the court could order Landowner 2 to remove the fence or pay damages to Landowner 1.

Here are some additional factors that the court would consider in determining whether a fence is a spite fence:

- The height and location of the fence.
- The relationship between the two landowners.
- · The purpose of the fence.
- Whether the fence blocks the view of a lake, river, or other natural feature.

If you are considering building a fence, it is important to be aware of the law prohibiting spite fences in Michigan. If you are unsure whether a fence you are considering building would be considered a spite fence, you should consult with an attorney.

All is helpful with the right help





Al in Historical Context





Egyptian Funerary Text
300 BCE to 100 CE

Ancient Times

- Receive client facts
- Research law
- Find form (on shelf)
- Adapt form

Modern Times

- Receive client facts
- Research law
- Find form (treatise, Wexis)
- Adapt form

Al Times

- Receive client facts
- Research law
- Collaborate with Al to create tailored form



Prompts



Goal

Save time by efficiently collaborating with Al to reduce manual tinkering.

"A prompt is a sentence or set of keywords you can input into generative AI tools, like ChatGPT, to instruct and receive an outcome. Based on its existing knowledge base, Chat GPT will interpret the prompt and generate a response for the user."

— Clio

Prompt Substance

Context

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Audience Tone Sources

Client Layperson Judge Attorney

for a layperson



Audience Tone Sources

Client Friendly

Layperson Professional

Judge Firm

Attorney Persuasive

for a layperson



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Client Friendly

Layperson Professional

Judge Firm

Attorney Objective

for a layperson

Draft one paragraph of the law prohibiting spite fences in Michigan and then apply that law to a situation where Landowner 1 is angry that Landowner 2, who is a neighbor of Landowner 1, built a privacy fence but it blocks Landowner 1's view of a lake. Write in a professionally friendly tone. Please cite your sources.



Polish

Write in plain English Condense Clarify Streamline Illustrate Explain



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Audience

Tone

Sources

Polish

Prompt Style

Specific Precise



Specific

Narrow prompts are best

Precise

Specific

Draft one paragraph of the law prohibiting spite fences in Michigan

More Specific

Draft one paragraph that summarizes Michigan caselaw for spite fences



Specific: Draft one paragraph of the law prohibiting spite fences in Michigan

Section 125.3407 of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act

- (a) A spite fence is a fence that is built solely for the purpose of annoying or erfering with a neighbor's use and erment of their property
- (b) Spite fe nsidered a nuisance and tered to be removed by
- (c) In determining fence is a state of the court shall consider the follow
- * The purpose for which
- * The relationship between
- * The effect of the fence on property. s' use and enjoyment of their property.
- * The intent of the person ce.
- (d) If a court finds that it may order the fence to be removed. The course awas harmed by the

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The law also ovides a number of factors that the countil consider in determining whether a fence is a spite fence. These factors include the purpose for which the fence was built, the relationship between the neighbors, the effect of the fence on the neighbors' use and enjoyment of their property, and the intent of the person who built the fence.

More specific: Draft one paragraph that summarizes Michigan **caselaw** for spite fences

In Michigan, a spite fence is a fence that is built solely for the purpose of annoying or interfering with a neighbor's use and enjoyment of their property. Spite fences are considered a nuisance and can be ordered to be removed by the court.

The elements of a spite fence in Michigan are that the fence:

- Serves no useful purpose or advantage to the person who built it.
- Was built with malicious intent.
- Interferes with the neighbor's use and enjoyment of their property.

The court will consider a number of factors in determining whether a fence is a spite fence, including:

- The purpose for which the fence was built.
- · The relationship between the neighbors.
- The effect of the fence on the neighbors' use and enjoyment of their property.
- The intent of the person who built the fence.

If a court finds that a fence is a spite fence, it may order the fence to be removed. The court may also award damages to the neighbor who was harmed by the fence.

Here are some examples of cases in which Michigan courts have found that a fence was a spite fence:

In Burke v. Smith, the court found that a fence that was built to block the view of a neighbor's lake was a spite fence.

In Flaherty v. Moran, the court found that a fence that was built to prevent a neighbor from using a driveway was a spite fence.

In Racich v. Mastrovitch, the court found that a fence that was built to annoy a neighbor was a spite fence.

Specific

Precise

Unambiguous prompts are best

No passive voice

Obvious characters

Precise

Apply Michigan's spite fence caselaw to a situation where a privacy fence was built and a lake view was blocked

More Precise

Apply Michigan's spite fence caselaw to a situation where Landowner 1 is angry that Landowner 2, who is a neighbor of Landowner 1, built a privacy fence but it blocks Landowner 1's view of a lake

Ambiguous: Apply Michigan's spite fence caselaw to a situation where a privacy fence was built and a lake view was blocked

Michigan's spite fence caselaw would likely apply to a situation where a privacy fence was built and a lake view was blocked. In order to determine whether the fence is a spite fence, the court would consider the following factors:

The purpose for which the fence was built. If the fence was built solely to block the neighbor's view of the lake, then this would be a strong indication that the fence was built with malicious intent. The relationship between the neighbors. If the neighbors have a history of conflict, then this would also be a strong indication that the fence was built with malicious intent.

The effect of the fence on the neighbors' use and enjoyment of their property. If the fence blocks the neighbor's view of the lake, then this would significantly impair their use and enjoyment of their property. The intent of the person who built the fence. If the person who built the fence admits that they built it to annoy or spite their neighbor, then this would be conclusive evidence that the fence is a spite fence. If the court found that the fence was a spite fence, then it could order the fence to be removed. The court could also award damages to the neighbor who was harmed by the fence.

However, it is important to note that not all fences that block a neighbor's view are considered spite fences. If the fence serves a legitimate purpose, such as providing privacy or security, then it is not likely to be considered a spite fence.

For example, if a neighbor builds a privacy fence to block the view of their neighbor's pool, this would not likely be considered a spite fence. This is because the fence serves a legitimate purpose, even though it also blocks the neighbor's view.

Precise: Apply Michigan's spite fence caselaw to a situation where Landowner 1 is angry that Landowner 2, who is a neighbor of Landowner 1, built a privacy fence but it blocks Landowner 1's view of a lake.

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In the situation where Landowner 1 is angry that Landowner 2 built a privacy fence that blocks their view of the lake, the court would consider the following factors in determining whether the fence is a spite fence:

The purpose for which the fence was built. If Landowner 2 built the fence solely to block Landowner 1's view of the lake, then this would be a strong indication that the fence was built with malicious intent.

The relationship between the neighbors. If Landowner 1 and Landowner 2 have a history of conflict, then this would also be a strong indication that the fence was built with malicious intent.

The effect of the fence on the neighbors' use and enjoyment of their property. If the fence blocks Landowner 1's view of the lake, then this would significantly impair their use and enjoyment of their property.

The intent of the person who built the fence. If Landowner 2 admits that they built the fence to annoy or spite Landowner 1, then this would be conclusive evidence that the fence is a spite fence.

If the court found that the fence was a spite fence, then it could order the fence to be removed. The court could also award damages to Landowner 1.

However, it is important to note that not all fences that block a neighbor's view are considered spite fences. If the fence serves a legitimate purpose, such as providing privacy or security, then it is not likely to be considered a spite fence.

For example, if Landowner 2 built the fence to provide privacy for their family, then this would not likely be considered a spite fence. This is because the fence serves a legitimate purpose, even though it also blocks Landowner 1's view.

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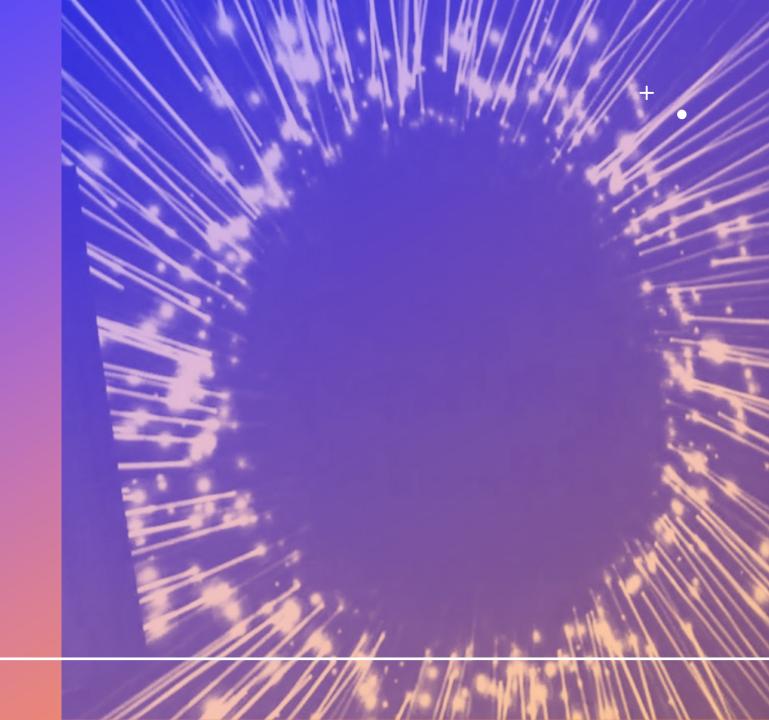
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For example, if Landowner 1 and Landowner 2 built the privacy fence to provide privacy for their families, then this would not likely be considered a spite fence. This is because the fence serves a legitimate purpose, even though it also blocks the view of the lake.

Ultimately, the question of whether a fence is a spite fence is a fact-specific one that will be decided by the court on a case-by-case basis.

Al is helpful with the right help



Take it away, Mark!



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(Thank you, Laura Killinger, Leslie Street, Kendall Cole, and Whit Weidner!)

"You've Got a Friend in Me":

Helping Students Help Al



What are my thoughts? . . . Hmm . . .



What are my thoughts? . . . Hmm . . .



Let's ask ChatGPT!

ChatGPT



Hi, ChatGPT. I hope you're well. If you're not busy, I could use your help and wisdom. A lot of people are worried -- very worried -- that you might help law students cheat and take shortcuts. This could undermine their growth as students and lawyers. And yet I'm very excited by all the opportunities you offer law students and lawyers for growth and learning. I think that you can be a powerful tool for helping lawyers serve clients better and more efficiently. But how can I reconcile these competing ideas? Please give me your ideas so that I can say something useful to an audience of really, really smart people! Thank you, ChatGPT. I appreciate you.





Hello! I understand the concerns about the potential for using Al language models like myself for unethical purposes, such as cheating or taking shortcuts. It is crucial to address

these concerns and find a balanced approach that harnesses the power of AI to enhance learning and professional growth without compromising the integrity of the educational

process and legal profession. Here are some ideas to reconcile these competing concepts:

1. Encourage responsible use: Emphasize the importance of using AI tools like ChatGPT as supplements to learning rather than replacements for traditional study methods. Law students should understand that utilizing AI should not be a substitute for critical thinking, research, and the development of legal analysis skills.

- Promote ethical guidelines: Educators, institutions, and professional organizations should establish clear guidelines and ethical standards for using AI in legal education and practice. These guidelines should emphasize integrity, honesty, and responsible Al usage.
- 3. Highlight Al as a research and learning aid: Position Al language models as powerful research tools that can help students access vast amounts of information, analyze complex legal issues, and gain insights that may not have been readily available before. Emphasize the importance of understanding and verifying the information obtained from AI models.
- 4. Focus on skill development: Emphasize the importance of honing essential skills such as critical thinking, legal research, writing, and effective communication. Al can be a valuable tool in supporting these skill-building efforts but should not be seen as a replacement for the development of core competencies.

How can I integrate AI responsibly? n What are the potential biases of AI language models? grams S Regenerate

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help students become familiar with Al tools and understand their strengths and limitations

- critical thinking, legal research, writing, and effective communication. All can be a valuable tool in supporting these skill-building efforts but should not be seen as a replacement for the development of core competencies.
- Incorporate AI in legal training: Integrate AI technologies into legal training programs to help students become familiar with AI tools and understand their strengths and limitations.
 By doing so, future lawyers will be better equipped to leverage AI responsibly in their careers.
- 6. Discuss Al's limitations: Be transparent about the limitations of Al language models, including potential biases and inaccuracies. Encourage students and lawyers to critically evaluate the information provided by Al systems and use them as starting points for further exploration and verification.
- 7. Foster a culture of integrity: Promote a culture that values honesty, academic integrity, and ethical conduct. Encourage open discussions about the responsible use of AI and the potential risks associated with its misuse.

In conclusion, the key is to strike a balance between leveraging AI for growth and learning while upholding the integrity and values of the legal profession. By fostering responsible AI usage and focusing on skill development, law students and lawyers can harness the power of AI to enhance their services, better serve their clients, and contribute to the advancement of the legal field in an ethical and sustainable manner.

How can I integrate AI responsibly?

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You are so wonderful, ChatGPT. Hug!





Thank you so much for your kind words! virtual hug I'm here to assist and provide helpful information whenever you need it. If you have any more questions or need further assistance, feel free to ask. Have a great day!











Specific, Concrete Ideas

for Incorporating ChatGPT in the Legal Research & Writing Classroom . . .



In R&W course, for one paper (only)...

- Require students to prepare first draft with nothing but Gen AI (system = their choice, though in class I use free versions)
- Require them to turn in that draft first one week before paper is due
- Require them to **turn in all prompts** used one week before paper is due
- Require them to revise and refine that draft with their own brains
- I will consider both versions when I grade the paper (heavier on final version)



In Drafting course (or any course w/ transactional or legis docs) . . .

- First, teach them how to reimagine dense forms with their own brains, using a systematic approach
- Give their brains **lots of practice** on how to do it so that they become expert
- Then (and only then) let them help Gen AI
 reimagine the same provisions that they've
 worked on already

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 - (a) The authorizing physician or physician's designee.
 - (b) The medical director and individuals serving on the governing board, advisory body, or committee of the medical control authority and an employee of the medical control authority. . . .

140-word *complex* sentence

Main subject and verb = 118 words apart

Multiple series (with ambiguous modifiers and one series item that is itself a series)

No division/subsections

It's just a lead-in!

Plan of Attack

- 1. Read it (be confused)
- 2. Read it again (be slightly less confused)
- 3. Read it again and jot down the big ideas
- 4. Classify text (to match its big idea)
- 5. Smooth out the language
- 6. Scrutinize the language
- 7. Test it

Step 1

• Read it . . . and be confused.



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Step 2

• Read it again . . . and be a bit less confused.



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Step 3

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Immunity (Qualified Immunity?)

Exception

Others Protected (Vicarious Liability?)

These big ideas = Primitive/Rough Headings

- (1) Immunity
- (2) Exception
- (3) Others Protected



Step 4

Classify the raw text.



Immunity

Exception

Others Protected (Vicarious Liability?)

Sec. 20965.

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Match the text to its big idea (but *leave it ugly* for now)

Immunity

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Exception

Unless an act or omission is the result of gross negligence or willful misconduct

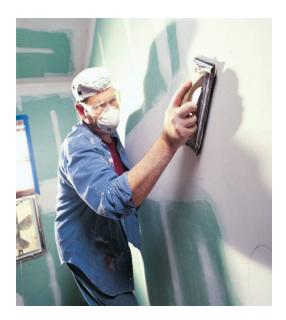
Others Protected (Vicarious Liability?)

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Step 5

Start to smooth out the text.



Immunity

A "medical rescue worker" is not liable for his or her act or omission if

- it occurs while providing services to a patient outside a hospital, in a hospital before transferring patient care to hospital personnel, or in a clinical setting; and
- the treatment is consistent with the individual's licensure or additional training required by the medical control authority, or is consistent with an approved procedure for that particular education program.

Exception

This immunity does not apply if the act or omission amounts to gross negligence or willful misconduct.

Others Protected (Vicarious Liability?)

If a medical rescue worker is immune for his or her act or omission, then none of the following persons or entities is liable:

- (a) The authorizing physician or physician's designee.
- (b) The medical director and individuals serving on the governing board, advisory body, or committee of the medical control authority and an employee of the medical control authority. . . .

Step 6

Keep smoothing and scrutinizing until "done"

Check carefully for ambiguity

Think carefully about language choices



- (1) **Definition.** "Emergency medical responder" means a medical first responder, an emergency medical technician, an emergency-medical-technician specialist, a paramedic, a clinical preceptor, or a medical-control-authority director or director designee.
- (2) Immunity. An emergency medical responder is not liable for their act or omission if:
 - (a) it occurs while treating a patient outside a hospital, in a hospital before hospital personnel take over the patient's care, or in a clinical setting; and
 - (b) the treatment is consistent with the responder's licensure or required training, or with an approved procedure for the responder's educational program.
- (3) Exception. This immunity does not apply if the emergency medical responder's act or omission amounts to gross negligence or willful misconduct.
- (4) Others Protected. If under subsection (1) an emergency medical responder is not liable, then the following persons and entities also are not liable for the responder's act or omission:
 - (a) an employer, trainer, or supervisor;
 - (b) an educator or education-program sponsor; . . .

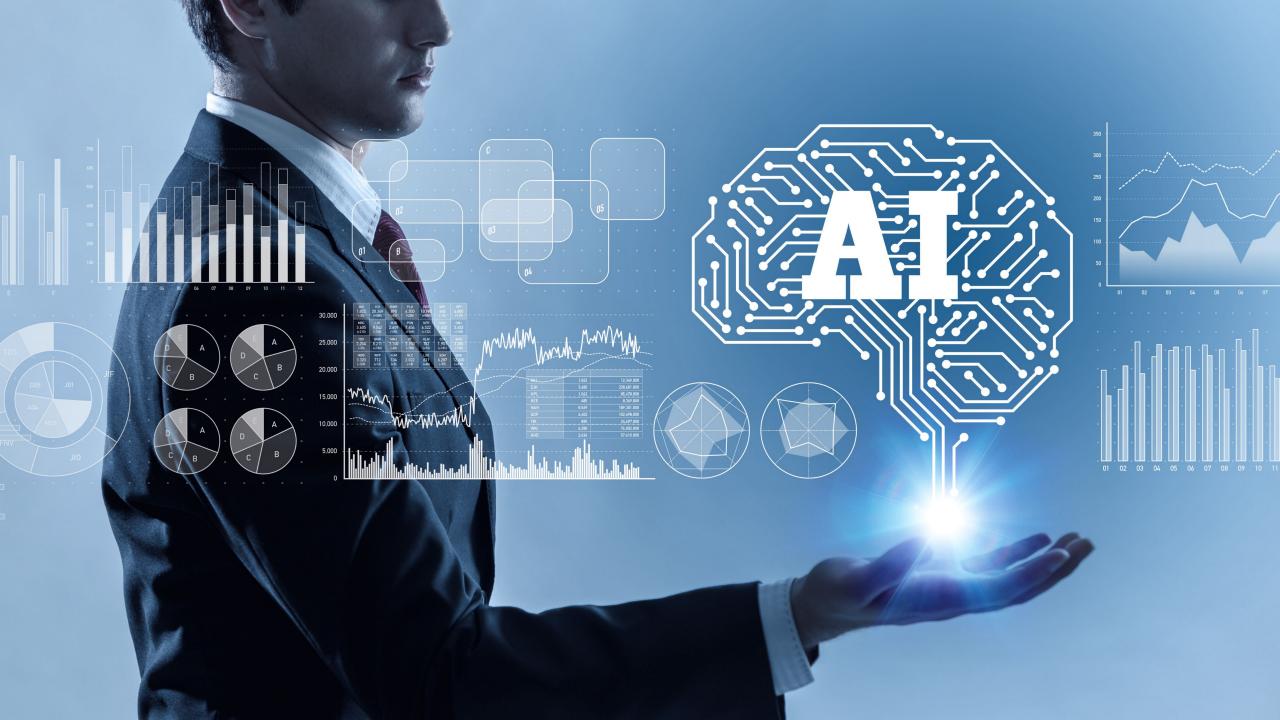
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Step 7

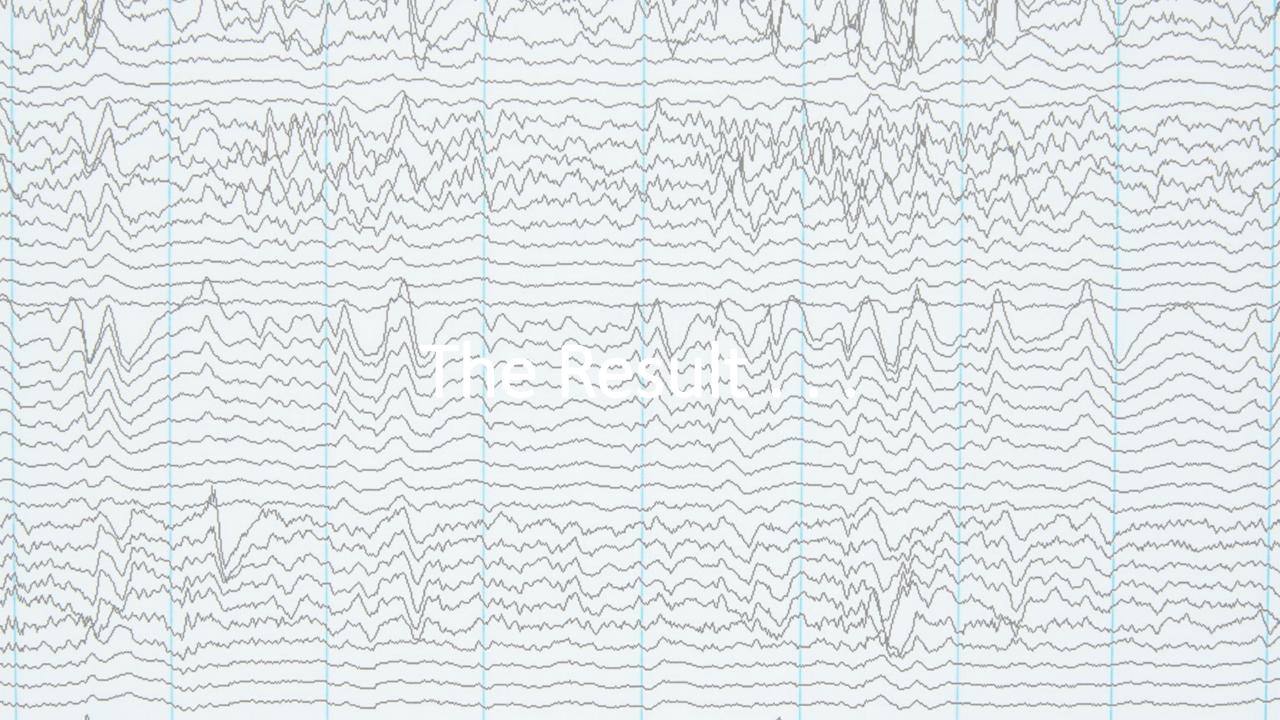
• Test redraft on colleagues, bosses, experts, client, consumers, or others (depending on the document).





ChatGPT Prompt

"Please redraft the following statute using plain language that a layperson can easily understand. Avoid legalese. Please use helpful, informative headings. Here is the statute: [insert provision]"





Medical First Responders and Emergency Medical Technicians: Liability Protection







Section 1: Introduction

This statute provides liability protection to certain medical professionals, such as medical first responders, emergency medical technicians (EMTs), paramedics, and clinical preceptors, when they are providing services to a patient. This protection applies as long as their actions are not the result of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

Section 2: Who is Covered?

The following individuals are protected from liability when providing medical services to a patient:

- 1. Medical First Responders
- 2. Emergency Medical Technicians
- 3. Emergency Medical Technician Specialists
- 4. Paramedics
- 5. Medical Directors of a Medical Control Authority or their designees
- 6. Individuals acting as clinical preceptors in a department-approved education program

sponsor

Tell me more about clinical preceptors.

What are the approved procedures for education programs?



Section 3: Where the Liability Protection Applies

The liability protection covers situations where the medical professionals are providing services in the following places:

- 1. Outside a hospital
- 2. In a hospital before transferring patient care to hospital personnel
- In a clinical setting, as long as the services are consistent with the individual's licensure or additional training required by the medical control authority, or with an approved procedure for their education program.

Section 4: Services Covered

The liability protection extends to medical services that are within the scope of the individual's licensure or additional training required by the medical control authority. These services include but are not limited to the services described in subsection (2).

Section 5: Exceptions to Liability Protection

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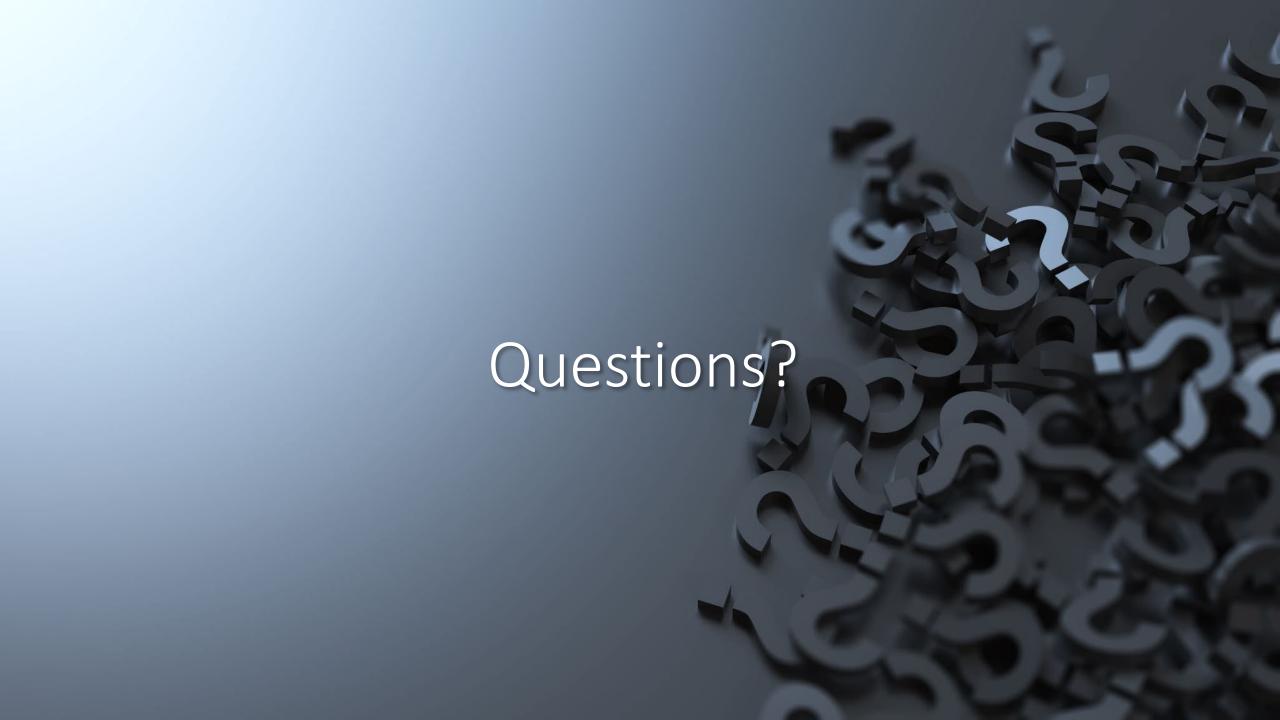
Section 6: Persons Not Held Liable

In addition to the medical professionals mentioned in Section 2, the following persons are also not held liable for the treatment of the patient:

- 1. The authorizing physician or physician's designee.
- The medical director and individuals serving on the governing board, advisory body, or committee of the medical control authority.
- 3. An employee of the medical control authority.

Conclusion

This statute offers important protection to medical first responders, EMTs, paramedics, and clinical preceptors when they are providing medical services, as long as they act with due care and without gross negligence or willful misconduct. It also shields certain other individuals from liability in connection with the treatment of the patient.





Thank you!