United States Bankruptcy Court
Middle District of Florida
Sam M. Gibbons United States Courthouse
801 North Florida Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33602

MEMORANDUM

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To: Parties Appearing in Cases Assigned to Judge McEwen

From: Catherine Peek McEwen, United States Bankruptcy Judge

Subject: Warning Regarding Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Date: August 31, 2026

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Generative AI is a tool that attorneys and unrepresented parties may benefit from, but AI technology is not a substitute for careful attention to accuracy of the content of papers filed with the Court. The signer must independently verify the accuracy of everything submitted to the Court.

Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9011 applies to represented and unrepresented parties alike. Under Rule 9011, by signing a paper filed with the Court, the signer certifies that (among other things) all citations within the paper filed with the Court are accurate, including all citations generated by AI. Failure to comply with this certification may result in the imposition of sanctions that could include striking a party's noncompliant paper or other sanctions as the Court may deem proper after providing the signer notice and an opportunity to be heard.