

CODE OF ETHICS OF STUDIO LEGALE STEFANELLI&STEFANELLI ON THE USE OF AI SYSTEMS IN PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Preamble

Our Law Firm is committed to using Artificial Intelligence (AI) in an ethical and responsible manner, in accordance with the fundamental principles of the legal profession and the rights of our clients.

The Firm undertakes to fully comply with the principles set forth in Law no. 132 of 23 September 2025, "Provisions and Delegations to the Government regarding Artificial Intelligence."

In this Code of Ethics, any reference to the "Firm" shall be understood as including all individuals who collaborate with our law firm, both internally and externally.

Fundamental Principles

1. Competence and Diligence

The Firm undertakes to:

- maintain an adequate level of competence in the use of AI tools, continuously developing the technological skills of its legal professionals, in line with the continuing education requirements set forth by professional legal regulations;
- always exercise personal professional judgment, without delegating critical decisions to AI systems;
- critically assess both the inputs and outputs of AI systems to ensure accuracy and relevance. Every result generated by AI is subject to human review to guarantee its adequacy, accuracy, and compliance with ethical and legal principles.

2. Privacy and Data Protection

The Firm undertakes to:

- strictly safeguard the confidentiality of client information when using AI tools;
- employ only AI systems equipped with appropriate security and data protection measures.

3. Transparency and Accountability

The Firm undertakes to:

- clearly inform clients of the use of AI tools in the course of our work;
- retain full responsibility for all legal services provided, even when supported by AI systems;
- uphold the integrity of the legal process by using AI as a support tool, not as a substitute for professional judgment;
- explain how AI contributed to the work performed, upon request.

4. Fairness and Non-Discrimination

The AI systems and/or models used within the Firm ensure that the use of AI does not introduce or perpetuate bias or discrimination.

Should cognitive biases be identified during the operation of such systems or in the outputs they generate, the Firm's professionals undertake to report such issues to the Firm's Management and to correct any identified bias.

5. Oversight and Governance

The Firm's Management evaluates and approves the adoption of new AI tools to be introduced within the Firm. Management establishes clear policies for the use of AI and undertakes to regularly train staff.

Operational Guidelines

1. Supplier Selection: We carefully select AI providers, evaluating their ethical standards and security practices.
2. Continuous Training: We are committed to ongoing training on developments in AI within the legal sector.
3. Review: We conduct periodic audits of the AI tools in use to ensure compliance and effectiveness.
4. Code Updates: We regularly review and update this Code of Ethics to reflect technological and regulatory advancements.

Conclusion

The adoption of this Code of Ethics represents the Firm's concrete commitment to the responsible, transparent, and compliant use of artificial intelligence in the practice of law.

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We recognize that AI offers an extraordinary opportunity to enhance the quality and efficiency of legal services. At the same time, we are fully aware that its use must take place in full respect of the ethical, professional, and regulatory principles that define our profession.

The centrality of the human person, the protection of fundamental rights, and professional responsibility remain the essential pillars of our work, even in the age of artificial intelligence.

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