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AI-Powered Legal Research and Drafting

Live Online Course



Course Outline

Generative AI offers a transformative opportunity to become much more productive: streamlining repetitive tasks, reducing drafting time from hours to minutes, and improving the accuracy of legal research. This, in turn, allows immigration practitioners to focus on what really matters to clients: innovative and effective strategizing, thorough preparation, and zealous advocacy. This course equips participants to harness the power of AI to the maximum extent possible, ensuring that they are fully ready to navigate the obstacles presented in an increasingly demanding legal landscape.

Who Should Take this Course?

This course is ideal for anyone looking to become a more effective and results-driven immigration practitioner. Whether you're a new attorney, a seasoned professional, or an AILA Affiliated Paralegal (AAP), this course is designed to help you harness the power of AI to rebalance your workload and streamline your practice.

By the end of the course, you'll learn how to leverage AI to boost efficiency, enhance client outcomes, and stay competitive in an increasingly digital legal landscape. Through hands-on applications using GEN by Visalaw.ai, you'll explore how generative AI can transform your immigration practice. You'll also gain the confidence to evaluate and adopt other tech tools that support your evolving professional needs.

What to Expect

- **Four 90-minute webinars**, featuring:
 - Lectures on AI integration in immigration law practices
 - Real-time demonstrations of AI use cases
 - Practical tips from immigration professionals currently utilizing AI in their practices
- **Access to GEN by Visalaw.ai** for the duration of the course
- **Access to short, detailed “How-to” videos** to quickly become familiar with the GEN platform and functionality
- **Webinar recordings** for on-demand learning
- **AILA Course Discussion Board:**
 - Ask questions on AI-specific immigration issues
 - Connect with speakers and colleagues
 - Learn new AI-usage techniques and receive valuable feedback

During the course, participants will:

- Explore GEN’s curated content library, including AILA resources, and become familiar with the platform and system supports
- Learn how to leverage AI for legal research
- Gain practical tips for efficient drafting, including using translation and summarization tools
- Build confidence to use AI platforms creatively, customizing uses to improve efficiency and workflow

Session 1: AI in Immigration Legal Research

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 | 1:00 pm ET

This session will showcase tools and techniques to efficiently access curated legal content, summarize key information, and extract valuable insights to enhance your firm's practice.

- Using AI for precise and efficient immigration legal research
 - Understanding the power of immigration law-specific AI products with targeted datasets, including caselaw, statutes, and related libraries
 - Leveraging AI to interpret government processing data
- Finding valuable templates and resources
 - **Use Case:** Find an example cover letter template in the AILALink repository
- Streamlining the client consultation and screening process
 - **Use Case:** Determine available process types and questions during a client consultation or screening using GEN
 - **Sample:** Analyzing key pathways and red flags using a client meeting transcript
- Ethical considerations and maintaining accuracy in AI-assisted research

Faculty:

Charity Anastasio (DL), Practice and Ethics Counsel, AILA Practice and Professionalism Center, Washington, D.C.

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Session 2: Practical AI Automations for Your Immigration Firm

Friday, August 8, 2025 | 1:00 pm ET

Learn how AI can automate repetitive tasks and improve workflows in your immigration law practice. This session focuses on practical applications that save time and increase productivity.

- Automating routine tasks such as client intake and email drafting with your own library of sources (e.g., building a PrivateGPT)
- How to use AI translation and certification tools that ensure accurate, professional translations
- Automating document analysis
 - **Use Case:** Quickly analyzing RFEs and generating responses
 - **Sample:** Real-world demonstration of an RFE breakdown
- Building a personalized library and a prompt bank for the firm (knowledge management)
 - **Use Case:** Automating responses to client queries
 - **Sample:** Setting up and using custom prompts

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Session 3: Drafting Part 1 – Intro to Petition Letter in Visalaw.ai

Wednesday, August 13, 2025 | 1:00 pm ET

Dive into AI-driven petition creation, including generating detailed and persuasive petition letters and assembling supporting documentation efficiently.

- Understand the scope of GEN Drafts process types
- Streamline document collection and ordering
- Use advanced exhibit list creation and editing tools
- Build support letters and expert opinion letters
- Review petitions and using packet assembly tooling
- Generate a full petition letter using GEN Drafts
 - **Use Case:** Draft a complete O-1A petition in under 30 minutes
 - **Sample:** AI-generated petition letter
- Ethical issues, including confidentiality and diligence
- Security and compliance considerations

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Session 4: Drafting Part 2 – Looking Ahead: Advanced Customization and Improving Workflow

Friday, August 15, 2025 | 1:00 pm ET

This session will focus on advanced customization and how to tailor documents with AI. Learn the practical skills to create highly specific and personalized drafts for complex cases, thereby increasing efficiency and improving your workflow.

- Using AI to craft expert opinion letters, waiver applications, and other specialized documents
- Customizing workflows with firm-specific templates
 - How to make AI outputs sound just like you
- Drafting petition letters from within your case management system
 - **Use Case/Sample:** End-to-end drafting with eimmigration integration in GEN Drafts

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