AI in Public Defense Outline
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DAY 1

INTRODUCTION & CONTEXT
- AI in Public Defense
- We are in the "What is ChatGPT anyway?" phase
- Inflection Point

COGNITIVE RISK & LEGAL REALITY
- The way we train lawyers and AI
- Cognitive Offloading – The Death of Critical Thinking

CONSEQUENCES & ACCOUNTABILITY
- Another California Court of Appeal sanctions a lawyer…
- AI Law Tracker

VALUES FRAMING
- Same North Star as before – Clients' interest, trust, and basic good advocacy
- Roots / Wings

WHAT TODAY'S PRESENTATION IS NOT (acknowledge importance)
- Police / DA use of AI
- Detrimental environmental impact

AI AS A FORCE MULTIPLIER
- AI as a Force Multiplier
- Get things done, regain time

HOW I USE AI IN DEFENSE WORK
(OVERVIEW - NO DEMOS)
- **Written Advocacy, Tone, and Professional Communication**
  - Email Drafting and Refinement
  - Rewriting and Alternative Phrasing
- **Litigation Strategy and Substantive Legal Analysis**
  - Argument Development and Brainstorming
  - How to use LLMs with Case Law
- **Motions, Hearings, and Oral Advocacy**
  - Motion Drafting and Re-Drafting
  - Bail, Detention, and Diversion
  - Preliminary Hearings / Jury Trial

- **Witness Work, Cross-Examination, and Voir Dire**
  - Cross-Examination
  - Voice-Based Practice
  - Jury Selection
- **Discovery, Evidence, and Case Organization**
  - Police Reports and Discovery
  - Witness and Evidence Management
- **Medical and Technical Understanding**
  - Investigation and Case Development
- **Sentencing and Mitigation**
- **Workflow, Data Handling, and Office Productivity**
  - Organization and Automation
  - Search and Retrieval
- **Advanced and Emerging Uses**
  - Image and Multimodal Review
  - Custom Tools and Ecosystem Integration
  - Deep Research
- **Core Value Proposition**

ROADMAP
- General Roadmap
- Overall Questions to Answer

AI FUNDAMENTALS & TERMINOLOGY
- Basic Terminology
  - Artificial Intelligence (AI)
  - Generative AI
  - Large Language Model (LLM)

MODELS
- Different Models – General intro without details
- Enterprise vs. Consumer LLMs

CORE CAPABILITIES
- ChatGPT Capabilities – Tools List

PROMPT ENGINEERING BASICS
- ChatGPT Fundamentals – What is a prompt?
- Prompt Engineering
- Prompting – Why it matters
- The Illusion of Thinking
- Prompting – Getting started
- Prompting – Simple steps

PROMPT PATTERNS & EXAMPLES
- Persona Example
- Crafting Prompts
- Foundations of Prompts
- Prompting in 5.2

LIVE DEMOS – CORE TASKS
- Write Discovery Request and Reminder
- Write Email
- Retrieve from Email
- Handwritten Calendar to .ics
- Write a Cross
- Case Summary with Citations
- Autopsy Review
- Voir Dire
- Prop 36 Data
- Legislation Monitoring and Summarization
- Web Search Demo

CHATGPT (LLM) TOOLS – FILE UPLOADS & STRUCTURED OUTPUTS
- *Synthesis*
- *Transformation*
- *Extraction*
- File Upload Demo – Jury Questionnaire

CHATGPT (LLM) TOOLS – PROJECTS & ORGANIZATION
- Projects
- Asking ChatGPT for the Prompt
- List of Witnesses
- Subfolders for Witnesses
- Factual Summary

CHATGPT (LLM) TOOLS – WEB SEARCH
- Web Search – RJA

CHATGPT (LLM) TOOLS – IMAGE INPUT & GENERATION
- Image Input & Generation
- Handwritten Cross Notes Prompt
- Demo - Multimodal Input
- Demo - DNA Lab Notes – Prompt
- Demo - Autopsy Diagram

CHATGPT (LLM) TOOLS – DEEP RESEARCH
- What is Deep Research?
- Deep Research Prompt Pattern
- Deep Research – Iterate with the LLM
- Track Activity and Sources

TASKS
- Scheduled Email Monitoring
- Scheduled Tasks
- Tasks Demo

CANVAS
- Canvas Memo Prompt
- Why it's useful
- Edit Section
- Reformat
- Restore
- Suggest Edits
- Adjust Length
- Adjust Level
- Final Polish
- Canvas Demo

CONNECTORS
- Connectors Prompt Demo
- Connected Apps Prompt

CUSTOM GPTs
- Custom GPTs Demo

PERSONALIZATION
- Memory
- What Are Custom Instructions?
- Mirroring Your Voice
- Humanizing

VOICE MODE & PRACTICE
- Voice Mode
- Practical Use Cases
- Cross Practice Prompt
- Voir Dire

TREATISE REVIEW – DNA TRANSFER
- DNA Cross Prompt from Treatises

DAY 2

OTHER USE CASES - DEMO
- Bail Prompt
- Bail Prompt with Character Letters
- Sentencing Memo Draft
- Misdemeanor Diversion Petition

ETHICS & PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
Duty of Confidentiality
- Rule citations
- Practical Advice – Confidentiality
Duty of Competence and Diligence
- Rule citations
- Practical Advice – Competence
Supervision Responsibilities
- Rule citations
- Practical Advice – Supervision
Communication with Clients
- Rule citations
- Practical Advice – Communication
Duty of Candor
- Rule citations
- Practical Advice – Candor
- Hallucination Warning
- CA Sanctions Example

BIAS, MISSION & POLICY
- Issues of Bias and Discrimination
- Mission Relevant
- Core Principles
- AI System Tiers
- Client Confidentiality & Consent
- HIPAA & Medical Records
- Disclosure & Labeling
- Training & Education Policy and Responsibility

ENTERPRISE AI & SECURITY
- Different Generative AI Systems
- Gemini Security
- Enterprise Version
- Security and Governance
- Enterprise Security, Data Protection, Compliance, and Summary

TRANSCRIPTION

CLOSING COMMENTS