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AI, Explained: From Code to Courtroom and Beyond

Please join us for this lively and engaging 3-credit CLE presentation!!



October 21, 2025

9am – 12pm

**Jury Assembly Room, 2d Floor
Pete V. Domenici U.S. Courthouse
333 Lomas Blvd NW, Albuquerque, NM**



PRESENTER

Sonia Gipson Rankin

Professor of Law

University of New Mexico School of Law



Sonia Gipson Rankin is a legal scholar and educator whose work combines her background in computer science with her passion for legal justice. She teaches in the fields of Torts, Family Law, Technology and the Law, and Introduction to Lawyering at the University of New Mexico School of Law. She is also Affiliated Faculty in the Department of Africana Studies.

Professor Gipson Rankin's scholarship bridges technology and law. Her artificial intelligence and algorithms scholarship has been in the *Washington and Lee Law Review*, *NYU Law Review Online*, *Wisconsin Law Review*, *Nature Reviews Electrical Engineering*, and the *ABA SciTech Magazine*. She has also published on legal pedagogy, exploring themes of race, experiential learning, and family law issues in the *Connecticut Law Review*, *Family Law Quarterly*, and the *Journal of Law and Education*.

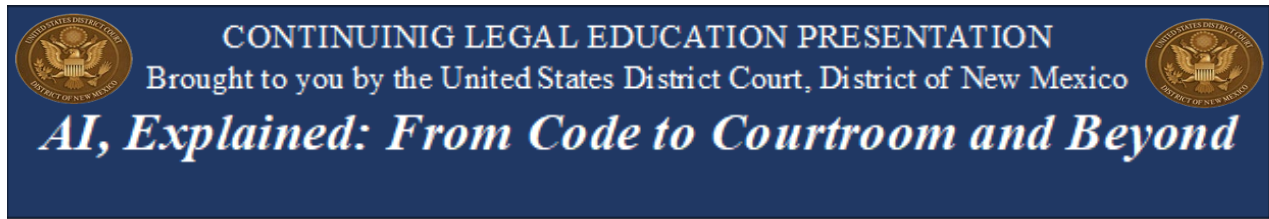
In addition to her academic contributions, Professor Gipson Rankin is deeply engaged in advancing equity and justice. She is an [American Bar Foundation Fellow](#), serves on the New Mexico Supreme Court Commission on Equity and Justice, and is a former president of the [New Mexico Black Lawyers Association](#). She is a founding member of the [Interdisciplinary Working Group on Algorithmic Justice](#), a collaborative effort between computer scientists, legal scholars, and social scientists to advise policymakers on AI-related issues. Through the [UNM Algorithmic Justice Project](#), which she co-founded, she delivers lectures on topics such as AI, algorithmic justice, deepfakes, and implicit bias to diverse audiences, including judges, legal professionals, and industry leaders nationwide.

Her insights on legal, political, and tech issues have been featured in international, national, and local media outlets, including television, newspapers, and podcasts. She frequently addresses a wide range of topics, including technology, constitutional law, kinship care, criminal justice reform, inclusive leadership, and Black community empowerment.

Her mission is to inspire students, communities, and systems to seek justice with a spirit of excellence.



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AI, Explained: From Code to Courtroom and Beyond Agenda

This three-hour CLE offers legal professionals a clear, accessible, and forward-looking exploration of artificial intelligence. The program will explain how AI systems work, then examine applications in criminal, civil, and transactional practice, including discovery review, contract analysis, translation tools, courtroom uses, and algorithmic forensic evidence. Discussion will address common risks such as bias, data security, and rapid technological change. The session includes one hour of ethics, two-hour guided, hands-on workshop, ensuring participants leave with the knowledge, skills, and ethical grounding to use AI effectively, and one hour of lecture on the topic. Time will be allotted for questions and answers.

Tuesday, October 21st

8:30am – 8:55am: Welcome and refreshments

9:00am – 9:50am: Bias and Data Security (ethics)

9:50am – 10:00am: Break

10:00am – 10:50am: Guided, hands-on use cases (general)

10:50am – 11:00am: Break

11:00am – 11:50am: Technological change and best uses (general)

11:50am – 12:00pm: Thank you and departure

This session will be presented in-person and will be live-streamed. The people who are attending virtually will be provided "code-words" at various points throughout the presentation that will be used to verify virtual attendance.