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AI, Explained: From Code to Courtroom and Beyond

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



December 16, 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*.

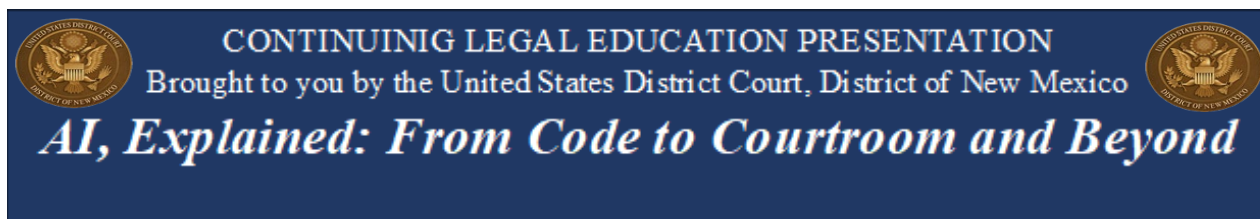
In addition to her academic contributions, Professor Gipson Rankin is deeply engaged in advancing equity and justice. She is an [American Bar Foundation Fellow](#), serves on the New Mexico Supreme Court Commission on Equity and Justice, and is a former president of the [New Mexico Black Lawyers Association](#). 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 a one-hour background discussion; a one-hour guided, hands-on workshop; and an ethics discussion ensuring participants leave with the knowledge, skills, and ethical grounding to use AI effectively. Time will be allotted for questions and answers.

Tuesday, December 16th

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

9:00am – 9:50am: AI in Legal Practice: Core Concepts & Best Uses (general)

9:50am – 10:00am: Break

10:00am – 10:50am: AI in Action: Hands-On Workshop for Practical Legal Tools (general)

10:50am – 11:00am: Break

11:00am – 11:50am: Ethics in the Algorithm: Guardrails for Bias & Data Security (ethics)

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

This session will only be presented in-person and will not be recorded.

Preparation for Hands-On Workshop

The interactive session is designed for all experience levels—no technical background needed. We will explore practical AI applications together in a relaxed, hands-on way.

Please bring a laptop or tablet and set up at least one free LLM account before the session:

[ChatGPT](#)

[Gemini](#)

[Claude](#)

[Microsoft Copilot](#)

Tip: You may use a temporary email address to create an account. If you prefer to not set up an account, you are welcome to observe the live demos.