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SB 574: AI Use in Court & By Arbitrators

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Judge Vedica Puri (Ret.) brings a special energy, rigor, and clarity to complex civil disputes. Over the course of a legal career spanning more than three decades, she has served as a trial lawyer, a partner in private practice, and a San Francisco Superior Court judge—experience that places her among the few neutrals who have sat in every seat that matters when cases are evaluated, tried, and resolved. Before her judicial appointment, Judge Puri built a formidable litigation and trial practice representing both plaintiffs and defendants in high-stakes matters, with particular depth in insurance coverage and bad faith disputes. She tried dozens of jury and bench trials across a wide range of civil disciplines, gaining first-hand insight into how cases actually unfold in the courtroom—and how juries truly respond to evidence, credibility, and risk. That trial grounding continues to define her work as a neutral.

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Ever sign a CA pleading? Or act as an arbitrator? Then a new law signed by Gov. Newsom on 9/30/26 applies to you!

In response to the umpteen cases where Courts have caught counsel using hallucinated citations, SB 574 creates new CCP and B&P code sections imposing unique duties on counsel and arbitrators using AI. Courts are now empowered to directly sanction such conduct under CCP 128.7.

Here is my break down of the key provisions of the new law. https://lnkd.in/gtykQEfA