

Compliance & Disclosures Handbook

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Required Legal Disclaimers, UPL Prevention, and Regulatory Framework

1. FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLE

****This platform is NOT a law firm. No one operating this platform is providing legal advice.****

This must be stated clearly, repeatedly, and in every context where a user might reasonably believe they are receiving legal counsel. The consequences of failing to disclose are severe -- criminal prosecution for unauthorized practice of law (UPL), civil liability, and destruction of credibility for the entire mission.

2. FLORIDA BAR RULES -- KEY PROVISIONS

2A. Rule 4-5.5: Unauthorized Practice of Law

Florida defines UPL broadly. The following activities ****require**** a licensed Florida Bar attorney:

Activity	Requires Attorney?
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Giving specific legal advice for a person's case	YES
Drafting motions to be filed in court	YES
Representing someone in court	YES
Negotiating plea deals	YES
Advising on whether to accept/reject plea	YES

2B. What the Platform CAN Do (Without Attorney License)

Activity	Allowed?
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Provide general legal information (statutes, case law, rules)	YES
Organize case documents and evidence	YES
File public records requests	YES
Create advocacy videos and social media content	YES
Maintain evidence integrity (blockchain hashing)	YES
Connect people with licensed attorneys (referral)	YES
Raise funds for legal defense	YES
Provide templates labeled "TEMPLATE -- NOT LEGAL ADVICE"	YES
Track case timelines and deadlines	YES
Operate criminal justice reform advocacy	YES

2C. The "Information vs. Advice" Line

****Legal Information (ALLOWED):****

"Florida Statute 784.045(1)(a) defines aggravated battery. The standard maximum for a second-degree felony is 15 years under F.S. 775.082(3)(d)."

****Legal Advice (NOT ALLOWED without license):****

"You should file a Rule 3.800(a) motion because your sentence exceeds the statutory maximum."

The distinction: Information states what the law says. Advice tells someone what to do about their specific situation.

3. REQUIRED DISCLAIMERS

3A. Platform-Wide Disclaimer (Footer/About Page)

IMPORTANT LEGAL NOTICE

This platform is an advocacy and case management tool operated by non-attorneys. Nothing on this platform constitutes legal advice. No attorney-client relationship is created by using this platform.

This platform provides:

- General legal information and research tools
- Case document organization and evidence management
- Attorney referral services (connecting you with licensed attorneys)
- Criminal justice advocacy and public awareness campaigns
- Blockchain-secured evidence and disclosure records

This platform does NOT provide:

- Legal advice for your specific situation
- Court representation
- Drafting of court filings (only templates clearly labeled as such)
- Guaranteed legal outcomes

If you need legal advice, please consult a licensed attorney.

For emergencies involving incarceration, contact:

- * Florida Public Defender's Office in your circuit
- * Innocence Project of Florida: (407) 209-2390
- * Florida Bar Lawyer Referral Service: (800) 342-8011

3B. Case Intake Disclaimer (Before Any Case Submission)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT REQUIRED

Before proceeding, you must understand and acknowledge:

1. I understand that this platform is operated by non-attorneys.
2. I understand that no attorney-client relationship is being created.
3. I understand that the information provided here is for advocacy and organizational purposes only -- not legal advice.
4. I understand that I should consult a licensed attorney before taking any legal action based on information found here.
5. I understand that my case information will be stored securely and a hash will be recorded on the JusticeChain blockchain for integrity verification.

? I have read and understand this acknowledgment.

[Date] [Digital Signature / Checkbox]

This acknowledgment is recorded on-chain via the DisclosureRecord contract.

3C. Motion Template Disclaimer (On Every Template)

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TEMPLATE -- NOT LEGAL ADVICE

This document is a TEMPLATE provided for informational and educational purposes only. It was NOT drafted by a licensed attorney. It should NOT be filed in court without review and approval by a licensed Florida Bar attorney.

Filing this document without attorney review may:

- * Waive legal rights
- * Create procedural bars to future relief
- * Result in sanctions from the court

CONSULT A LICENSED ATTORNEY BEFORE FILING.

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3D. Video/Social Media Disclaimer (On Every Published Video)

[Text overlay -- first 3 seconds and last 5 seconds]

"This content is advocacy -- not legal advice.
Consult a licensed attorney for legal questions."

[Video description -- every post]

"This video is produced by [Platform Name] for criminal justice advocacy and public awareness. It does not constitute legal advice. No attorney-client relationship is created. If you or someone you know needs legal help, contact the Florida Bar Lawyer Referral Service at (800) 342-8011."

3E. Attorney Referral Disclaimer

ATTORNEY REFERRAL NOTICE

This platform connects you with licensed attorneys for informational purposes. We are not a lawyer referral service as defined by Florida Bar Rule 4-7.22.

We do not:

- * Guarantee any attorney will accept your case
- * Receive fees for referrals
- * Endorse any specific attorney or firm
- * Provide legal advice about which attorney to choose

Any attorney-client relationship is solely between you and the attorney you engage. We have no involvement in that relationship.

3F. Donation/JusticeFund Disclaimer

DONATION DISCLOSURE

Donations to the Justice Fund are used for:

- * Legal defense costs (attorney fees, filing fees, expert witnesses)
- * Advocacy operations (platform hosting, content production)
- * Case investigation costs (records requests, research tools)

Donations are NOT tax-deductible unless and until a 501(c)(3) determination is obtained. Current status: [NOT YET FILED / PENDING / APPROVED].

Donation records are recorded on the JusticeChain blockchain for transparency and accountability.

3G. Blockchain Data Disclaimer

BLOCKCHAIN RECORDS NOTICE

This platform records cryptographic hashes of case data, evidence, disclosures, and events on JusticeChain (Chain ID 7333).

What is stored on-chain: Only SHA-256 hashes -- mathematical fingerprints of data. No personal information, case details, names, or sensitive data is stored on the blockchain.

What is stored off-chain: Your actual case data, documents, and personal information are stored in our secured database with encryption at rest and in transit.

Purpose: On-chain records prove that data existed at a specific time and has not been altered -- providing tamper-proof integrity verification.

4. DISCLOSURE RECORDING WORKFLOW

Every disclosure acknowledgment is recorded on-chain via the DisclosureRecord smart contract.

User encounters disclosure

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User reads disclaimer text

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User checks acknowledgment box

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Platform records:

??? PostgreSQL: full text + user_id + timestamp + context

??? JusticeChain: DisclosureAck(user_hash, case_hash, type, timestamp)

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User receives confirmation:

"[x] Acknowledgment recorded -- TX: 0x..."

Disclosure Types (On-Chain Tags)

Type Tag	Trigger Context
`platform_tos`	First signup / account creation
`non_attorney_ack`	Case intake
`template_warning`	Before downloading motion template
`video_disclaimer`	Before publishing content (operator ack)
`referral_notice`	Before receiving attorney contact info
`donation_disclosure`	Before completing donation
`data_handling`	Before case data submission
`blockchain_notice`	Before on-chain recording of case data

5. CONTENT APPROVAL PIPELINE

All published content must pass through this approval chain:

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? Content ? <- Agent/human creates content
? Creation ?
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? QA Agent ? <- Checks grammar, facts, formatting
? Review ?
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? Compliance ? <- Checks all disclaimers present
? Monitor ? <- Checks no UPL language
? ? <- Checks no defamatory statements
? ? <- Checks privacy (no victim names)
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? Human ? <- Kevan reviews and approves
? Review ?
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? Attorney ? <- Licensed counsel reviews (when engaged)
? Review ? (OPTIONAL until counsel retained)
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? PUBLISH ?
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6. DEFAMATION PREVENTION

6A. Safe Statements (Protected Opinion / Factual)

| Safe | Example |

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| Court records | "According to the arrest report (#202300001348)..." |

| Public documents | "The Seminole County Clerk docket shows..." |

| Statute citations | "Florida Statute 784.045(1)(a) defines..." |

| Sentencing facts | "The sentence imposed was 20 years. The statutory maximum for a second-degree felony is 15 years." |

| Personal experience | "I believe the system failed in this case." |

| Advocacy | "We believe this case warrants review." |

6B. Dangerous Statements (Avoid)

| Dangerous | Why |

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| "The prosecutor lied." | Defamation per se (professional conduct) |

| "The judge was corrupt." | Defamation per se |

| "The victim fabricated the story." | Defamation -- unless provable |

| Naming specific officials with misconduct allegations | Without proof = defamation risk |

| "He's innocent" (stated as fact) | Only a court can determine this |

6C. Safe Phrasing Guide

Instead of -> Use:

| Avoid | Use Instead |

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| "He's innocent" | "We believe strong evidence supports his defense" |

| "The prosecutor lied" | "We have identified inconsistencies in the prosecution's case" |

| "The judge was biased" | "We intend to raise judicial review issues on appeal" |

| "The victim is lying" | "The evidence raises questions about the prosecution's narrative" |

| "Police planted evidence" | "Chain of custody records have gaps that warrant investigation" |

7. PRIVACY COMPLIANCE

7A. Data Collection

| Data | Collected | Stored | Shared |

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| Client name | Yes | Encrypted PostgreSQL | Never without consent |

| Case details | Yes | Encrypted PostgreSQL | Only with retained attorney |

| Evidence files | Yes | IPFS (encrypted) + local | Only with retained attorney |

| Contact info | Yes | Encrypted PostgreSQL | Never |

| Donation records | Anonymized hash | JusticeChain | Hash only (public) |

| IP addresses | Session only | Not retained | Never |

7B. Victim Privacy

- * **NEVER** name alleged victims in any public content
- * **NEVER** share victim contact information
- * **NEVER** publish identifying details about victims
- * Use terms like "the complainant" or "the alleged victim" -- never real names
- * This applies to videos, social media, blog posts, all public materials

7C. Data Retention

- * Active case data: Retained until case resolved + 7 years
 - * Blockchain hashes: Permanent (by design)
 - * Donation records: Permanent (transparency)
 - * Account data: Retained until deletion request + 30-day grace period
 - * Server logs: 90 days rolling
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8. COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

Before **any** public release, verify:

Content Release Checklist

- * Non-attorney disclaimer present and visible
- * No specific legal advice given
- * No UPL language ("you should file..." / "your best option is...")
- * No defamatory statements (use safe phrasing guide)
- * No victim names or identifying details
- * No confidential case information
- * Blockchain disclaimer included (if referencing on-chain records)
- * Donation disclosure included (if soliciting funds)
- * Attorney referral disclaimer included (if referring to firms)
- * Video disclaimer overlays present (first 3 sec + last 5 sec)
- * Human review completed
- * Compliance monitor agent approved

Platform Release Checklist

- * All disclosure types recorded on-chain
 - * Acknowledgment checkboxes functional
 - * Footer disclaimer rendering on all pages
 - * Template warnings present on all downloadable documents
 - * Privacy policy accessible from every page
 - * Terms of service link in footer
 - * Data handling disclosure presented before data submission
 - * Cookie/analytics disclosure (if applicable)
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9. REGULATORY REGISTRATIONS

Required (Before Public Launch)

| Registration | Status | Notes |

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| Florida Solicitation of Contributions Act (F.S. 496) | NOT FILED | Required before soliciting donations in FL |
| IRS Form 1023 (501(c)(3) application) | NOT FILED | Required for tax-exempt status |
| Florida Articles of Incorporation (nonprofit) | NOT FILED | Required before 501(c)(3) |
| Florida registered agent | NOT FILED | Required for FL nonprofit |
| DMCA agent registration (Copyright Office) | NOT FILED | Required for user-generated content safe harbor |

Optional (Recommended)

Registration	Status	Notes
Florida Bar lawyer referral service registration	EVALUATE	May be required depending on referral volume
State-by-state solicitation registration	EVALUATE	Required if soliciting donations in other states
Trademark registration (platform name)	EVALUATE	Recommended after name finalized

10. INCIDENT RESPONSE

If a compliance violation is discovered:

1. ****IMMEDIATE****: Pause all automated publishing (bots stop)
2. ****WITHIN 1 HOUR****: Remove or correct the violating content
3. ****WITHIN 4 HOURS****: Document what happened, how, and what was published
4. ****WITHIN 24 HOURS****: Assess whether anyone was harmed or misled
5. ****WITHIN 48 HOURS****: Implement preventive measure to stop recurrence
6. ****IF LEGAL RISK****: Consult retained attorney immediately

Classification: INTERNAL -- Compliance Reference
Version: 1.0
Review Schedule: Monthly or before any major content campaign