

# Good AI legal research shows its work. Here's how to check yours does.

Before you rely on AI output, run this 60-second check.

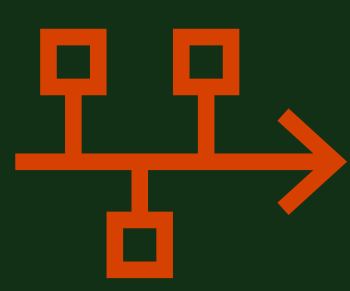
## The hidden time sink

AI can speed up the first draft. But hidden reasoning means hidden risk, and in legal work, **that risk lands on you.**

The time you save generating an answer can disappear fast if the reasoning doesn't hold up.

**Fast and wrong is worse than slow.**

## The “stand-behind-it” check



### Can you trace it?

Look for:  
citations you can open + a clear path from question → sources → conclusion.



### Can you verify it?

Look for:  
key cases linked and flagged for negative treatment or conflicts, not just cited, but checked.



### Can you stand behind it?

Look for:  
reasoning you can explain to a partner, GC, or court – with competing interpretations surfaced, not hidden.

## 3 quick moves that lift quality fast

If your output doesn't pass the check, start here:

# 1

Open the sources.  
Don't take citations on trust.

# 2

Scan for conflicts.  
What doesn't fit your facts or jurisdiction?

# 3

Save the trail – sources, notes, and reasoning – so the work survives the matter.

## See what research looks like when the reasoning is built in

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