

Looking Forward: Personal Injury Legal Trends for 2024

As we dive into the new year, it's not just resolutions and fresh starts that are on the horizon. For those involved in personal injury cases, staying informed about the evolving legal landscape is crucial. We're always working on staying on top of trends and forecasts. Chat GPT was huge in 2023, but some attorneys were facing legal actions for using it to produce court documents.

[Steven Schwartz incorrectly cited 6 court cases using AI and faced the consequences.](#) Is AI the future? What legal trends can we anticipate in 2024? Let's take a closer look.

1. Emphasis on Digital Evidence:

In an age dominated by technology, the use of digital evidence is set to play a more significant role in personal injury cases. Surveillance footage, social media posts, and other electronic records can provide a clearer picture of events leading up to an incident, influencing the outcome of cases. With more social media apps popping up, and some making a comeback, like Snapchat, people are more likely to let a photo slip of them doing something that they're not supposed to be doing while injured. Insurance companies could use something as silly as a TikTok dance to prove that someone isn't as injured as they're claiming that they are.

2. Advances in Medical Technology:

Medical advancements are not only transforming healthcare but also impacting personal injury litigation. The use of cutting-edge medical technology, such as 3D printing for recreating injuries or virtual reality for courtroom presentations, is expected to become more prevalent in 2024, enhancing the way medical evidence is presented. Wearable devices like the apple watch are gathering more and more sensitive information that could be used in a personal injury case. AI softwares are only getting more and more advanced, potentially replacing some job duties of paralegals. AI can be used to sift through thousands of medical records and make medical chronologies- but who do we trust more? An experienced paralegal or AI?

3. Focus on Mental Health:

While physical injuries have long been at the forefront of personal injury cases, the legal system is increasingly recognizing the importance of mental health. Expect a heightened emphasis on psychological trauma, with courts acknowledging the long-term impact it can have on individuals involved in accidents. Emotional damage has long been accounted for, with spouses often making claims when their significant other shows a loss of interest in habitual activities. It's difficult to put a price on the deterioration of mental health, but it's still possible.

4. Rise of Autonomous Vehicles:

As technology propels us toward an era of autonomous vehicles, personal injury law is grappling with the implications. From determining liability in accidents involving self-driving cars to addressing the unique challenges these cases present, 2024 may see significant

developments in this area of law. Tesla recently recalled 2 million vehicles from the road due to an issue with the self-driving feature. In the recent Netflix movie "Leave the World Behind," the movie explores the idea of all technology going haywire and Teslas turning off. In this [Instagram reel](#), our founding attorney Shawn Sasooness talks about the Tesla self driving feature.

5. Continued Embrace of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR):

The trend towards alternative dispute resolution methods like mediation and arbitration shows no signs of slowing down. In 2024, expect more personal injury cases to explore these alternatives, providing parties with a faster and often more cost-effective way to resolve disputes outside of the traditional courtroom setting.

Navigating these trends in 2024 requires vigilance and adaptability. Whether you're a legal professional, a party involved in a personal injury case, or someone simply interested in the legal system, staying informed about these trends ensures a proactive approach to the ever-changing world of personal injury law. As the year unfolds, it's evident that the legal landscape will continue to evolve, shaping the way we approach and resolve personal injury cases in the years to come.