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HERE COMES THE JUDGE Solomon Project Embarks on 15 City Tour

New York - (November, 1995). The Solomon Project, the groundbreaking interface of artificial intelligence and jurisprudence, plans a 15 city demonstration tour. Submissions for re-trial of local legal cases are sought.

The Solomon Project, the joint effort of more than 150 artificial intelligence (AI) experts, judges, attorneys, professors and students working together for seven years, recently announced its intention to replace the flawed American judicial system with a computer protocol called SOLOMON crafted to deliver our Constitutional guarantees fairly, swiftly and economically. A letter (see enclosed) went to 3,000 leaders of the United States judicial system, including Supreme Court justices, legislators, judges and lawyers. The purpose of the letter was two-fold. It sought to announce a revolutionary application of artificial intelligence designed to restore the public's confidence in the American civil and criminal justice system. And, it sought support and critical commentary.

The response to the announcement was extensive — with both positive and negative concerns expressed.

On the positive side, legal professionals underscored their frustration with a system that clearly does not serve the purpose for which it was designed. On the negative side, there was concern for both job security as well as ethical questions raised about the ability of AI to adequately substitute for the human thought process.

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While comprehension of AI or what is known as "fuzzy logic" may not be forthcoming via a legal education, this is an important branch of computer science.

Fuzzy logic weighs the relative importance of multiple factors. A witness may have strengths and weaknesses — he saw events clearly, in good light, and is able to describe things crisply; but he wears strong glasses and is known to have lied occasionally to friends and family. The usual problem is how to assess the relative merit of each factor. That is why fuzzy logic is such a good match with legal decision-making. What is "fuzzy" is the decision of which factors are more important, not the quality of the thinking. Fuzzy logic systems have been substituted for human judgment by American Express in deciding who merits a card and by banks trying to judge which of their customers are likely to go bankrupt. These systems are also behind programs that manage mutual funds. So far almost all applications have been by private concerns seeking increased profits. The Solomon Project believes that social concerns are more important.

In order to demonstrate SOLOMON's extraordinary capabilities and to answer the many questions The Solomon Project has provoked, a 15 city tour is planned for the Spring. Demo sites include New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Washington D.C., Chicago, Atlanta, Miami, Dallas, Seattle, Louisville, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Denver, Phoenix, and Salt Lake City.

The Solomon Project's computer-generated re-trial of the O.J. Simpson case will be displayed on the tour, but, in addition, locally controversial civil and criminal cases will be re-tried on site. The Solomon Project extends the opportunity to local judges, attorneys and law enforcement officials to submit cases they would like to see re-tried using this revolutionary new system. All material must be received by February 1, 1996. ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS CAN NOT BE ACCEPTED, NOR WILL MATERIALS BE RETURNED.

The public will be the ultimate jury in deciding the value of artificial intelligence and its application to the judicial system.

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