Responsible AI Governance for Wealth Management

A practical operating model for fiduciary environments without dedicated AI teams

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The Operating Problem

- AI is already inside the firm through employees, vendors, and embedded features.
- Leadership often cannot describe where it is used, what it touches, or who is accountable.
- SEC 2026 priorities make visibility and governance non-optional.
- The risk is not AI - it is the governance gap.

Practitioner Principles

- Start with visibility
- Judgment stays human
- Risk extends beyond the model
- Govern by consequence
- Accountability stays with the firm
- Minimum necessary controls

Governance Architecture

Accountability & Approval — Named owners; proportionate oversight

Data & Privacy Boundaries — Approved vs unapproved AI separation

Testing & Oversight — Proportionate to consequence

Transparency & Traceability — Know what was used and who reviewed it

Vendor Governance — Understand capability, data use, and change management

Monitoring & Escalation — Errors, overrides, incidents, stop conditions

Six Disciplines of Governance

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Accountability & Approval

Named owners; clear decision rights.

Data & Privacy Boundaries

Prevent client NPI from unapproved environments.

Testing & Oversight

Accuracy, bias, security, and stress testing.

Transparency & Traceability

Record system, inputs, review, and action.

Vendor Governance

Diligence on data use, training, and change controls.

Monitoring & Escalation

Thresholds, stop conditions, and remediation paths.

About the Author

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Next Steps

- **If you are a hiring leader:** Use this summary to assess practical governance thinking and operating judgment. For a short conversation about how this approach would apply to your firm, email matt.chambers@718innovations.com
- **If you are a practitioner:** Start with visibility. Identify the highest-consequence uses, set immediate data boundaries, and assign accountability. Use the one-page visual for stakeholder briefings.
- **If you want the full framework:** The full practitioner framework is available on request. It includes the complete governance model, risk-classification approach, operating controls, accountability structure, and implementation guidance. To request access, email matt.chambers@718innovations.com with your firm's name and role.

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