Worksheet 8.1: Trust-But-Verify Protocol Card

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How to use: Print this, fold it, and keep it by your desk. Use it for any high-stakes AI-assisted decision (Section 8.5).

Step	Check	Notes
1 Frame	Restate the question in my own words	
2 Predict	Expected answer; my confidence __%	
3 Scan	Fabrication · Misreading · Missing context · Overreach · Bias · Sycophancy · Staleness · Compounding	
4 Verify	Every number, name, rule, source	
5 Context	What do I or others know that it doesn't?	
6 Stress-test	Argue the opposite	
7 Decide	Accept / Modify / Override, with a 1-line reason	
8 Review	Date to check the outcome: _____	

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