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Colour Coding

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LexisNexis' highlighting feature is great for colour coding important information when doing legal research or preparing for moots. Colour coding helps you find information faster and is also helpful when outlining assignments. Below are some tips on how to colour code.

General tips on highlighting applicable to all subjects:

- Yellow: case laws
- Green: important information/facts
- Blue: sections of law/name of law
- Pink: delays, prescription, etc.

Facts, law, and application:

- Blue: important facts
- Green: application of law
- Pink: sections of law/law itself

Colour coding is personal to your own preferences. These are just some suggestions that have worked for me in preparing a factum, a legal memorandum, or in preparing for mooting competitions. Below is my approach to colour coding in practice:

- First, I will search up the case and then star it



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- Then, I will read the assignment and highlight using my assigned colours
- I always like to download the case and case citation after having read it—this feature allows you to download with your notes included
- Saving cases online allows me to organize other cases by topic for my research and preparation needs
- Being able to download case file makes structuring factum and working with a partner much easier. It organizes virtual teamwork and allows information to be easily accessible for all parties and easily locatable.

Ultimately colour coding is a personal practice that makes both research and preparing law school materials much more accessible.

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