

# The Student Spotlight

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## Tips and Tricks for Law Students

As law students, we're always looking for ways to research more efficiently. Lexis+ AI is a powerful tool that can streamline the process, but it's important to use it correctly. Here are some key tips to make the most of it while staying within academic guidelines.

### 1. UNDERSTAND YOUR COURSE SYLLABUS AND ACADEMIC POLICIES

Every professor and university has different rules regarding AI usage. Before incorporating Lexis+ AI into your studies, review your course syllabus and your institution's policies on AI tools. You want to avoid academic misconduct and ensure that you're using AI ethically and responsibly.

### 2. USE AI AS A STARTING POINT, NOT A FINAL ANSWER

Lexis+ AI is an excellent way to begin your research, especially when tackling an unfamiliar legal topic. Think of it as a sophisticated search engine with enhanced capabilities—it can quickly pull relevant information, suggest key precedents, and guide you toward practical resources. I personally love its references to Practical Guidance, which provide insights into legal considerations, agreement precedents, due diligence checklists, and more.

### 3. MASTER THE ART OF PROMPTING

The quality of AI's output depends on how well you frame your questions. You can start with a basic query like "What is estoppel?" or craft more complex, scenario-based prompts. Treat AI like an extremely knowledgeable eight-year-old—it has vast information but relies entirely on how you phrase your request. Experimenting with different prompts helped me understand the tool's capabilities and limitations.



#### 4. **LEXIS+ AI IS BUILT FOR LEGAL RESEARCH**

Lexis+ AI is rooted in legal content. This means it doesn't hallucinate fake cases or statutes, ensuring reliability in your research. However, it's still essential to verify the sources it provides.

#### 5. **AI IS A TOOL, NOT A REPLACEMENT FOR LEGAL REASONING**

No matter how advanced AI becomes, it cannot replace human judgment. Always review case law and legal principles yourself. Lexis+ AI makes this easier by linking to primary sources, so take the time to cross-check information before using it in assignments or legal work.

#### **FINAL THOUGHT:**

Any work you submit will have your name attached to it, so make sure to double-check accuracy, citations, and relevance. AI can be an incredible asset, but your legal reasoning, critical thinking, and diligence are what truly set you apart as a law student.

Artificial intelligence is a new technology that will undoubtedly be a part of legal research and practice going forward. It's worthwhile to supplement your legal education and take some time to experiment with how it works and understand what its capabilities are.

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