

# The Student Spotlight

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Lexis+ AI™

## The Importance of Prompt Engineering

Excelling in the use of tools that harness generative AI, like Lexis+ AI requires law students to learn prompt engineering. Think of prompt crafting like giving the instructions for a cake: without instructive details, you could add too many eggs, overmix the batter, or set the oven to the wrong temperature. Getting the results you want—having your cake and eating it, too—requires more than a single-line prompt. For that reason, Lexis promotes the “5 Ps” method of prompt engineering. **Persona** sets the personality, tone, and perspective the AI should adopt; for example, “You are a residential tenant.” Next, **Prime** the AI with context and background, like key facts, jurisdiction, and the parties involved. Then, it’ll be time to **Prompt** with clear and specific actions that you want the AI to take, like “Draft a notice to quit.” Scope the **Product** by defining the specifications of your desired output’s length and format, and finally, it’s time to **Polish**. Refine, elaborate, and verify the AI’s output. Never take an AI’s response fully at face value; in the end, you need to ensure your work is accurate. This is a research tool. Happy prompting!

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