

The Student Spotlight

Lexis+ AI™

5 Tips on Proper Use

As of January 7th, 2025, Lexis+ AI is available to all Canadian law students. While Lexis+ AI is an exciting new feature that could elevate the legal research and writing process, all users should keep in mind that, as with any other tool, AI should be used ethically and responsibly.

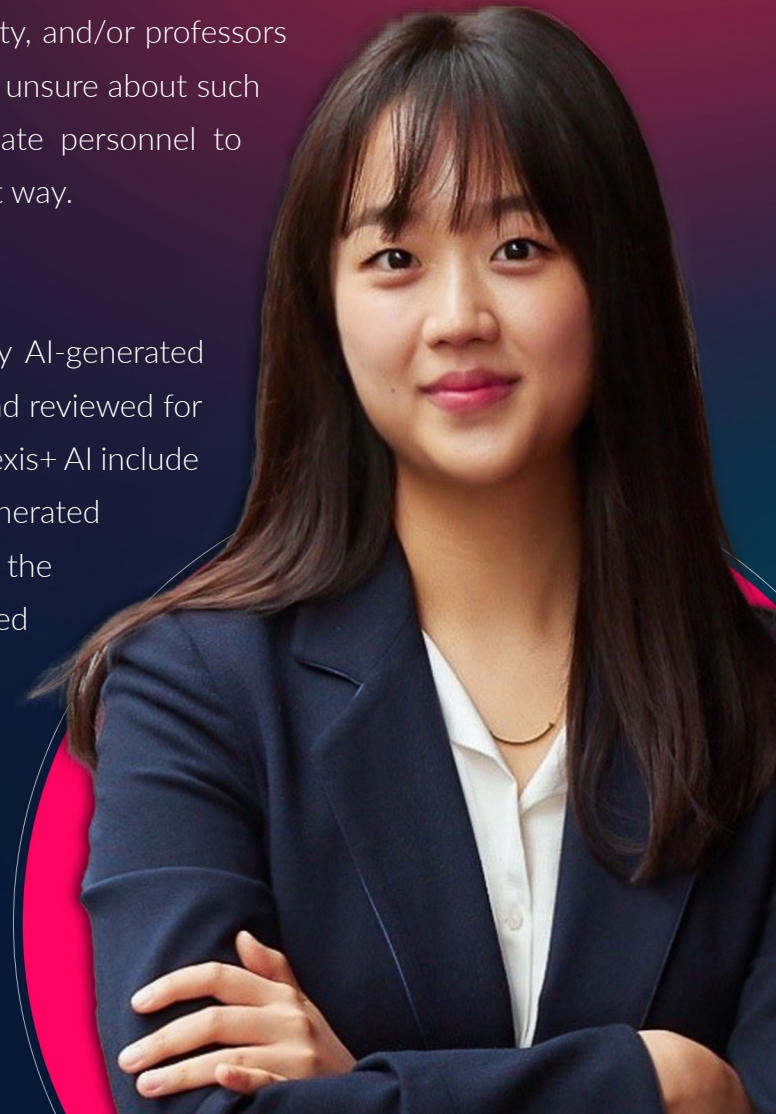
Refer to the tips below as a starting point for navigating your use of AI, including Lexis+ AI!

TIP 1: UNDERSTAND AND COMPLY WITH POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

First and foremost, AI should only be used in appropriate contexts where such tools are allowed. It is essential to understand and comply with the academic integrity policies and guidelines established by your school, faculty, and/or professors in relation to the use of AI tools. Where you are unsure about such policies and guidelines, reach out to appropriate personnel to clarify whether AI can be used, and if so, in what way.

TIP 2: REVIEW AND VERIFY

When using generative AI, be mindful that any AI-generated content should be treated as a first draft only and reviewed for accuracy. In the case of Lexis+ AI, responses in Lexis+ AI include links to the legal content supporting the AI-generated response – make sure to use the links to verify the content produced by the AI. It is recommended that you have a general background knowledge of the subject area for which you are using the AI tool. AI should supplement, not replace, traditional legal research.



TIP 3: KNOW THE LIMITS OF THE AI

Familiarize yourself with the scope of work your AI can complete, as each AI tool will be equipped with certain supported use and unsupported use cases. For example, Lexis+ AI has been designed with practitioners in mind and will not complete law school assignments (it won't, and shouldn't, write your research paper) or produce legal scholarship. Lexis+ AI, like all Large Language Models, is also not the appropriate tool for calculations, such as for a damage quantum. However, Lexis+ AI can be a useful tool in summarizing a case or generating a draft email with the appropriate tone.

AI tools (including Lexis+ AI) are constantly updating, so make sure to keep up to date on the latest supported use cases.

TIP 4: PROMPTS

The output from your AI will only be as good as the input that you give it. In other words, it is important to input a well-thought-out prompt in order to receive optimal results from your AI tool. The methodology I find useful is the "5P Prompting Methodology": Prime, Persona, Prompt, Product, and Polish.

First, lead your input with Priming information to ensure the AI has context for your question so it can meet your specific needs. Then, include information about Persona to assist the AI in framing its response from the right personality, tone, and perspective.

In crafting your Prompt, be specific in what you are asking the AI to do, whether it is drafting, summarizing, or comparing.

Now, define your input by indicating the particular Product you want the AI to produce. For example, should the AI limit its response to a word count?

Finally, Polish the AI's response with follow-up inputs.

For more information on crafting your AI prompt, refer to the LexisNexis guide [**HERE**](#).

TIP 5: CONFIDENTIALITY

Be mindful of the information you are inputting into your AI tool.

Lexis+ AI encrypts all its conversations with users in transit and at rest, and conversations are removed from the user's chat history after 90 days (users are also able to manually delete their prompt history). However, not all AI tools have the same level of protection, and it is important to exercise caution in inputting information into the tool.

Before using the AI, ask yourself whether the tool is appropriate for the task at hand and be intentional in inputting a prompt that is free of any risk of breach of confidentiality. Always double-check your inputs and err on the side of being more conservative with your prompts.

Ready to delve into Lexis+ AI? [Attend an online training session](#) or [reach out to your Law Student Associate](#) with any questions!

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