

Lexis+[®] and Lexis+[®] AI

An integrated legal ecosystem

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Lexis+[®] is a leading legal research platform from LexisNexis that was launched in Australia in July 2023. It provides AI powered research, data driven insights and practical guidance, all deeply integrated into a single platform to maximise efficiencies, simplify the experience and reduce the need to context switch between different products and websites. Leveraging the power of Lexis+[®] and combining it with the latest generative AI technology, Lexis+[®] AI is designed to create new content via conversational search to enable legal drafting and document summarisation.

Through both Lexis+[®] and Lexis+[®] AI our users get access to an extensive database of information, including, case law, legislation, practical guidance content and our wide range of expert written secondary sources. Widely used by lawyers and other legal professionals, these platforms are arguably the leading platforms in the legal research and legal technology industry.

Lexis+[®] AI is an add on to Lexis+[®] to further enhance and revolutionise a customer’s research experience.

The expectation for a typical legal practitioner is to leverage both Lexis+[®] and Lexis+[®] AI to benefit from the wide range of features best suited for the task at hand. Lexis+[®] AI delivers the best experience for conversational search, summarisations and drafting, whilst for AI powered “traditional” research and for the user to surface deep insights into cases and legislation using tools such as Legislation Compare and Leading Cases on Lexis+[®] would be more beneficial.

It is recommended to use Lexis+[®] and our other AI products such as Lexis[®] Argument Analyser in conjunction with Lexis+[®] AI to surface rich citations (and co-citations) analysis, along with legal issue based analysis to determine the best approach for your legal strategy.

In this document we outline how best to leverage this integrated ecosystem to streamline your research experience, free up your time to do the things that really matter, like fostering client relationships, growing your expertise or practice and delivering better client outcomes.

PLEASE NOTE: any mention of LexisNexis platforms or products within this document, refer specifically to the versions available in the Australian market.

Conducting legal research

There are many ways in which you could surface insights from our vast content collection for the matter you have at hand. For some queries, generative AI based research would be your starting point, while for others, you will find extractive AI to be more suitable for your needs.

Using “Ask a legal question” on Lexis+® AI

You can begin your journey with the AI assistant when your task involves:

- Questions on a legal issue / legal principle / topic that can be answered with reference to legislation and case law
- Request for procedural information
- Ask for relevant cases based on a simple fact patterns
- Identify applicable statutes by legal topic and jurisdiction
- Term of art interpretation and application

We recommend you leverage the Lexis+® research or Practical Guidance experience when your task involves using extensive research filters such as

- Timeline to filter cases by dates
- Finding specific court information
- Weighting cases by date, court, or appeal status and
- Finding cases/statutes matching specific search criteria, i.e. all cases presided over by a particular judge.

Using boolean search when you want a very targeted document that you are looking for

- Boolean searches, analytics, computations, date requests, compound queries
- Browsing historical legislation, legislative history or doing comparisons of versions to find date/content of amendments, i.e. when was section x last amended (use Legislation Compare)

Using Legislation Citator to find all cases interpreting this legislation

- Retrieving information from Explanatory Memoranda
- CaseBase signals and treatment
- Case citator information, i.e. cases referring to (or agreeing/disagreeing) with case, similar cases, most cited cases
- Subsequent judicial consideration, i.e. what is the status of X case and to identify similar provisions

Drafting

When it comes to drafting, depending on the task at hand we recommend using a combination of Lexis+® AI, Practical Guidance and our analytical content collection.

You can work with the AI assistant to draft:

- An individual clause and/or
- Correspondence (email or letter)
- If your task involves drafting full agreements, leading/motions/motions/submissions/arguments/statement of claims etc. we recommend beginning your journey in Practical Guidance and/or our forms and precedent suite of publications.

Summarisation

Day to day legal tasks often involve summarising cases and other legal content.

If you are looking to summarise cases within the LexisNexis database, you can use the summarisation task in Lexis+® AI. It will assist you to summarise:

- Cases within the LexisNexis database
- Cases identified by full citation or party names

You can ask questions as a multi turn to Summarise, the scope for these questions would be the same as that of “Ask a legal question”.

In case you wish to browse through subsequent Judicial Considerations, the history of the case, paragraph level citation or pinpoint references or list of cases citing this case, you can navigate to the full text judgment of the case using the citation provided and explore the CaseBase entry for the case. Similarly, if you are interested in looking up the legislation governing the decision, you can work with Legislation Citator or the annotated legislation available through the research experience on Lexis+®.

Upload to summarise or ask a question

To summarise and/or analyse your documents you can use the Upload task in Lexis+® AI. This task assists you to:

- Summarise content of an uploaded document
- Ask questions about the content within the uploaded document
- Find an argument
- Find an entity
- Summarise issues or facts
- Compare and contrast

To refer to insights from LexisNexis content in the answers about your uploaded document(s), including checking currency of cases or statutes referenced within the document, we suggest leveraging the power of Lexis® Argument Analyser and Lexis® Clause Intelligence to do so.

Conclusion

The Lexis+® ecosystem aims at providing you with the perfect blend of AI powered traditional and generative AI based research experience depending on the task you have at hand. This ecosystem is constantly evolving to address every legal practitioner's needs to attain the full breadth and depth required for their research and workflow. This evolution will further expand and deepen the ecosystem to make it work across your changing needs, the changes made will be communicated to you as they become available.

If you have any questions or would like to address a requirement not covered in this document, please reach out to your LexisNexis Customer Success team or Relationship Manager for further guidance.