

## Lexis+ AI™ Law School Integration Guide

A comprehensive faculty guide providing information, resources, teaching tools, and exercises for teaching students when and how to use Lexis+ AI™ effectively.

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#### Overview:

Lexis+ AI™ Assistant is an efficiency AI tool, grounded in our trusted, authoritative content with links to hallucination-free legal citations covering two common legal tasks including asking a legal question and document drafting. In addition, Lexis+ AI is underpinned by secure, leading generative AI models and human experts continuously training our models for enhanced responses.

Lexis+ AI™ can be used to research a legal question, craft an argument and counterargument, and draft a legal memo, argument, client letter, email, or clause. Lexis+ AI can be an efficient starting point for legal research, providing answers to diverse legal questions with citations. The four searching tasks include: term of art interpretation, term of art application, complex legal question, and identification of current law.

To best research a legal issue or use the drafting capabilities on Lexis+ AI, users should treat the interaction much like having a conversation with a colleague. The prompt should include context, be clear, specific, and include desired output. The more detail the better. Rather than starting the query in a particular data set (as in Lexis+®), you can ask a legal question and use the response to refine the process with follow up questions. Then use more traditional research skills to verify the results provided and expand your research as needed.

Law school faculty and students continue to have access to Lexis+ Research, Practical Guidance and other products and tools that are part of the law school subscription. Like other research tools, Lexis+ AI is an efficient starting point. Users can conversationally interact with the tool, iterate, analyze, and refine.

### What content is included?

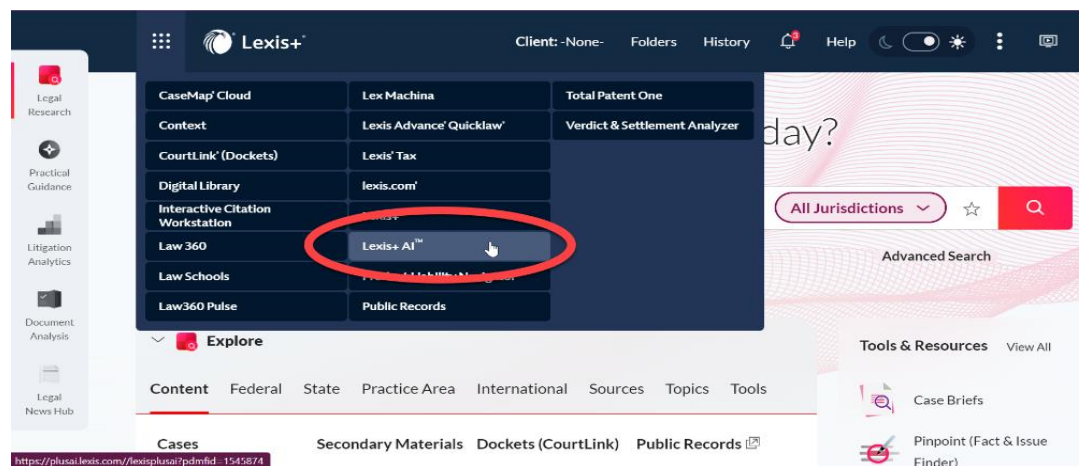
Lexis+ AI includes federal and state cases, statutes, constitutions, court rules, regulations, top agency decisions, Matthew Bender treatises and practical guidance. Additional content will be added over time.

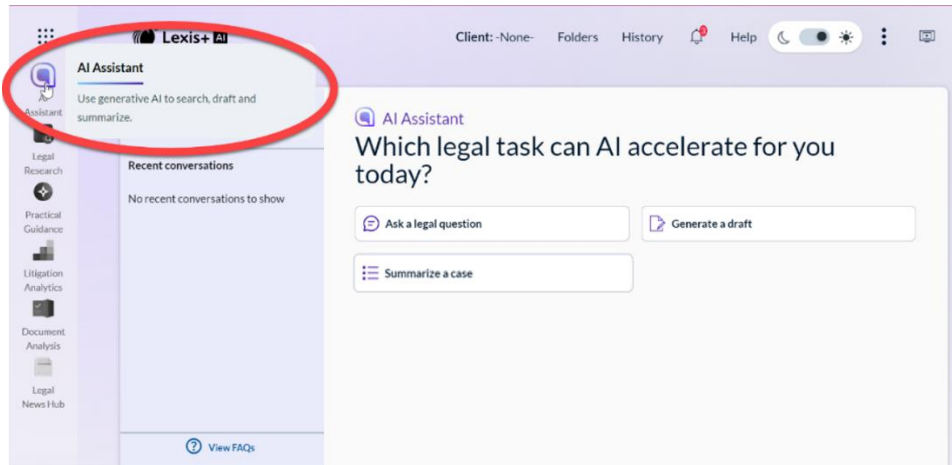
### What tasks are included?

The current law school offering includes three tasks: Ask a Legal Question, Generate a Draft, and Summarize. For commercial customers, one additional task is available: Upload a Document. Law school-specific materials will contain images of the law school offering (three tasks) whereas more general materials will display all four. Law students should be aware of the additional task in preparation for summer and post-graduation employment.

### How to access?

Go to the Lexis+ AI assistant using the product switcher in the top left corner of the screen, choosing “Lexis+ AI,” and then clicking on the AI Assistant icon in the left panel.





### Where should I start my research?

Whether to use Lexis+ or the Lexis+ AI Assistant as a starting point will often depend on the task at hand and personal preference. There are certain tasks that will be more efficient on Lexis+, tasks that will be more efficient on Lexis+ AI, and many tasks that can be completed using either Lexis+ or Lexis+ AI Assistant, in which case it's personal preference. Teaching students how to use a variety of legal research techniques will enable them to develop practice-ready skills regardless of the tools available to them in their summer jobs and after graduation in law practice.

#### Lexis+ AI Assistant\*:

- Legal terms/phrases defined and interpretations
- Application of laws/terms to factual scenarios in a jurisdiction
- Finding current law on an issue
- Researching a legal issue or topic/asking legal question
- Procedural information
- Finding forms and templates
- Draft a legal argument
- Draft a legal memo
- Draft a client letter (e.g., cease & desist, demand letter...)
- Draft an email (e.g., to client or opposing counsel)
- Draft a transactional document clause
- Summarize a case by name or citation
- Summarize case authority in the answer to a question

#### Lexis+:

- Legal terms/phrases defined and interpretations
- Application of laws/terms to factual scenarios in a jurisdiction
- Finding the current law on an issue
- Researching a legal issue or topic/asking legal question

- Reviewing case summaries (if included)
- Procedural information
- Finding forms and templates
- Single document retrieval
- Locating a specific source or content set
- Browsing the Table of Contents in applicable publication
- Browsing topics
- Archived statutes
- State law comparison surveys
- Legislative History research
- Document/Brief Analysis tool
- Viewing tables, flow charts, process maps, or other visuals
- Searching for briefs, motions, and pleadings
- Searching law reviews and journals
- Searching news and legal news
- Business and company research
- Expert witness research
- Judge research
- Competitive Intelligence research
- Litigation Analytics
- Market Standards

*\*As additional content is added to Lexis+ AI, more tasks could be started on Lexis+ or Lexis+ AI Assistant.*

### **Effective Prompting:**

Refer to the [LexisNexis Guide to Effective Prompts](#). Examples of a weak and strong prompts:

**Weak prompt:** Draft a letter to my landlord saying it is illegal to kick me out of my apartment.

**Strong prompt:** Draft an intent to sue letter to a landlord from a tenant in New York with statutory authority. The tenant continues to be in possession of the premises after the expiration of his term and continues paying rent. However today the landlord smoke bombed the premises for bed bugs which resulted in the death of the tenant's pets, for which the tenant is seeking damages. Make the intent to sue letter extremely aggressive.

**Weak prompt:** What if her boss had a good reason to fire her?

**Strong prompt:** Can a retaliation claim succeed despite there being alternate non-retaliatory motive for an adverse employment decision?

**Weak prompt:** What can you do if a homeowner kicks you off their property?

**Strong prompt:** What legal remedies are available to an oil pipeline if a landowner refuses to renew an easement?

### **Class integration ideas:**

#### **Exercises for Understanding, Using, and Evaluating Generative AI:**

- **Pick the Tool Drills:** The purpose of this exercise is to familiarize students with the distinctions between extractive and generative AI, to help them choose the most suitable tool for researching a given legal issue, and to help them recognize that the choice of tool is usually variable (depending on the tools available to them, their personal preferences, and the nature of their research/legal task).
  - Ask students to consider the nature of their legal issue and make an initial decision on whether an extractive or generative tool might be more suitable.
  - Identify a variety of legal issues to research and/or legal drafting tasks.
  - Identify and discuss whether extractive AI tools (in Lexis+, for example), publicly available generative AI tools (ChatGPT, Bard, Bing, Claude, etc.), and/or generative AI built specifically for legal research (Lexis+ AI) would be the more effective tool to start with and why.
- **Prompt Exercises:** The [LexisNexis Legal Research Exercise Bank](#) (authored by LR&W professors) contains Lexis+ AI exercises, including one on **Effective Prompting**.
- **Prompt Design Competitions:** Given a specific legal issue or drafting task, have students design prompts. Run the prompts and compare the output. Discuss which prompts were most effective and why.
  - **Example:** create a prompt to research whether a boxcutter is considered a weapon when a student brings one to school.
  - **Example:** draft a letter to opposing counsel to ask that their client meet their contractual obligations (i.e., to deliver goods on time, to perform a particular task, etc.).
  - **Note:** these examples intentionally do not use specific legal terms (e.g., using the term “demand letter”) to allow students to explore different prompt terms and to assess output.
- **Platform Output Comparisons:** Divide students into groups. Assign each group a platform on which to run various searches/prompts (e.g., Lexis+, Lexis+ AI, Google, Bard, ChatGPT, etc.). Provide sample searches (consult [LexisNexis Guide to Effective Prompts](#) for prompt ideas) and facilitate class discussion comparing and contrasting results.

- **Edit & Revise Output:** Ask Lexis+ AI to draft a legal document. Provide the draft generated to students to edit and revise to either change the tone, change the viewpoint of the letter writer, and/or to change the jurisdiction.
  - **Example:** draft a demand letter to a school after disciplining a female student for wearing slacks.
  - **Example:** draft a memo summarizing the attractive nuisance doctrine.
  - **Note:** Neither the jurisdiction nor the viewpoint/role of the writer is identified in these prompts. Either provide the jurisdiction and viewpoint/role of the letter writer or allow students to edit and make those decisions for themselves. Once students have had an opportunity to edit and revise the drafts, discuss the factors driving the editing decisions as well as the ethics of using forms and templates (including those generated by AI) in legal practice.
  
- **Research & Write Counterarguments:** Ask Lexis+ AI for counterarguments for a legal position. This exercise can be customized to the subject matter of the course.
  - **Example:** Ask Lexis+ AI to identify grounds for eviction of a tenant in [JURISDCITION]. Next, ask Lexis+ AI to identify grounds to oppose eviction and to draft an argument to that effect.
  - **Example:** Ask Lexis+ AI to draft an argument that a knife is a concealed weapon in [JURISDICTION]. Next, ask Lexis+ AI to draft an argument that a knife is not a concealed weapon in [JURISDICTION].
  - **Note:** Use these or other class-specific examples to have students generate arguments and counterarguments. Facilitate student presentation of their output and discussion about differing outputs when prompts provide the answer to a legal question. Provide guidance to students that all output needs to be evaluated, and source materials need to be read and analyzed to make determinations about the strength of a particular legal argument/position.

### Law Firms using generative AI tools:

There is unprecedented demand for Lexis+ AI among law firms.

According to a survey among commercial preview customers, 86% agree that Lexis+ AI is easy to use. Respondents also report that Lexis+ AI is driving significant productivity gains in law firms:

- 89% estimate they will save up to 6 hours per week on summarizing case law
- 78% estimate they will save up to 4 hours per week on legal drafting
- 77% estimate they will save up to 6 hours per week uploading and summarizing documents
- 74% estimate they will save up to 7 hours per week on legal research

## What lawyers are saying about Lexis+ AI:

*“Lexis+ AI is a fascinating product worth using to save time,”* said Judy Andresen, Business and Legal Research Analyst, DLA Piper.

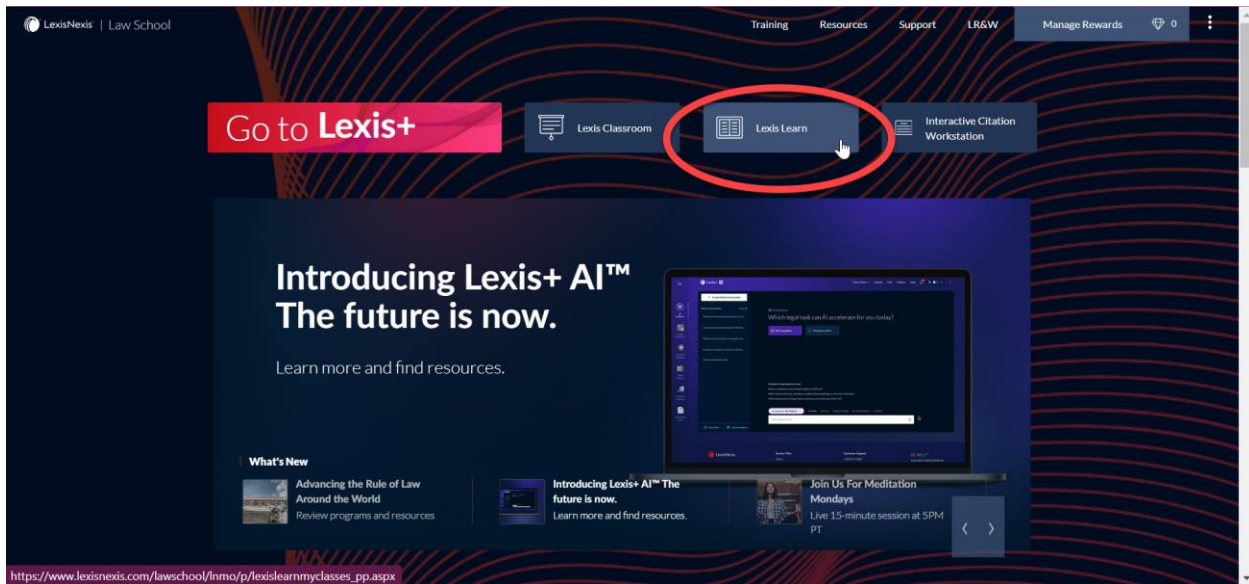
Greg Lambert, Chief Knowledge Services Officer at Jackson Walker LLP strongly agrees Lexis+ AI is both useful and trustworthy. *“I have found the ability to prompt the legal research tool with a common language query to be extremely useful and the results have been very good. It gives me a great place to start.”*

According to Sukhdeep Gosal, Deputy District Attorney, Sutter County District Attorney’s Office, Lexis+ AI *“works great with simple, quick questions you need answered without having to go through a whole bunch of cases or laws.”*

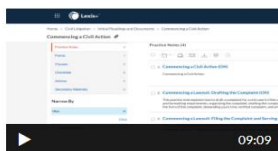
## Additional resources:

- Your [LexisNexis Representative](#) is one of the most helpful resources available for teaching and instructional support. They can **create customized training and research instruction** for you and your students.
- [Lexis+ AI Law School Faculty Resources page](#) – provides links to various resources, FAQs, how-to-videos, and more.
- Lexis+ AI [Research Exercise Bank](#) exercises (included in the [Legal Research & Writing Center](#)) authored by LR&W professors on the following topics:
  - Finding current law
  - Researching a legal issue
  - Effective prompting
  - Term of art interpretation and application
  - Drafting client emails and letters
  - Drafting arguments and memos
- [LexisNexis Guide to Effective Prompts](#)
- **Lexis Learn module on Lexis+ AI:** Log into your LexisNexis faculty account at [lawschool.lexis.com](https://lawschool.lexis.com). Select the [“Lexis Learn”](#) button on the faculty landing page.





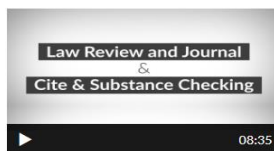
Choose “Preview Modules” to review modules or “Create Class” to assign one or more modules to students and to track completion. The Lexis+ AI module is near the bottom of the list, #24. If you have questions or need assistance with Lexis Learn, contact your LexisNexis representative.



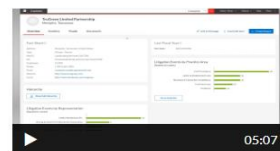
**17 - Drafting Pleadings**  
Learn to use practical guidance tools and resources to draft initial pleadings.



**18 - Drafting Briefs and Motions**  
Draft persuasive and complete briefs and motions.



**19 - Law Review and Journal Cite and Substance Checking**  
Learn how to cite and substance check law review and journal articles.



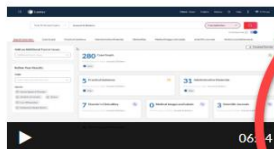
**20 - Researching a Company**  
Learn how to use legal analytics to research a company.



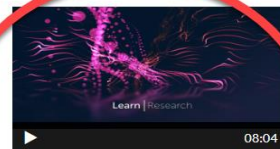
**21 - Prepare for Trial: Witness Research**  
Learn how to find and investigate an expert witness.



**22 - Advanced Search Strategies**  
Learn how to use Advanced Search Strategies



**23 - Fact and Issue Based Research**  
Become familiar with Fact Based Research.



**24 - Getting Started with Lexis+ AI**  
Introducing Generative AI to Lexis+.





- [Choosing the Right Tool](#) provides a high-level overview of the two functions of Lexis+ AI for academic accounts and the differences between Lexis+ AI and publicly available generative AI tools.
- [LexisNexis Practical Guidance](#) – provides an extensive collection of practical guidance including Artificial Intelligence such as:
  - [Generative Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) Resource Kit](#)
  - [Artificial Intelligence Legislation Tracker](#)
  - [Artificial Intelligence Legislation State Law Survey](#)
  - [Generative AI Federal and State Court Rules Tracker](#)
  - [Artificial Intelligence Key Legal Issues](#)
- For breaking news and legal developments on Artificial Intelligence, don't forget the Law360 [Legal News Hub](#) on Lexis+.