

Previously Covered Prompt Patterns for Criminal Law

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<u>Prompt Pattern</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Structure/Example</u>
Root Prompt	Guides AI's identity, objectives, and boundaries for focused outputs.	"When I ask legal questions, respond in plain language and include citations from primary and reputable secondary sources."
Naïve Prompt	Initiates simple, straightforward interaction with AI.	"What are the key elements of the corpus delicti rule?"
Persona Pattern Prompt	Customizes AI to adopt a specific persona for tailored responses.	"Act as Clarence Darrow and explain reasonable doubt to a jury during a closing argument."
Audience Persona Prompt	Tailors output for specific audiences such as judges, jurors, or clients.	"Explain the Fourth Amendment as if speaking to a judge who was formerly a prosecutor."
AI-Assisted Jury Selection	Creates strategic responses for voir dire or juror insights.	"As a jury consultant, help me craft questions for a juror who believes blood tests are always accurate, using motivational interviewing techniques."
Question Refinement Pattern	Enhances poorly phrased or imprecise prompts for accuracy and clarity.	"Whenever I ask about legal concepts, suggest a more precise version of my question for better results."
Cognitive Verifier Prompt	Positions AI to ask clarifying questions for detailed responses.	"Act as a Stanford Law Professor. Ask me clarifying questions until you have enough context to provide the best answer about the corpus delicti rule."
Fact Check Prompt	Generates a list of facts supporting AI's output for verification.	"Explain the community caretaker exception and provide a bullet-point list of key facts critical for understanding this rule."
Retrieval-Augmented Generation	Integrates external, up-to-date legal data for comprehensive insights.	"Using this uploaded PDF, generate insights about recent changes in administrative law relevant to my case."
Persistent Context Prompt	Establishes reusable context across multiple interactions.	"Remember that I am a criminal defense attorney specializing in DUI cases, and tailor responses to align with these needs in this and future sessions."
Infinite Generation Pattern	Automates iterative output creation for continuous idea generation.	"Generate jury voir dire questions continuously, one at a time, and incorporate my feedback before generating the next question."
Alternate Approaches Prompt	Explores multiple strategies for a single legal objective.	"List alternative ways to challenge probable cause in a DUI case, compare the pros and cons, and let me choose which to pursue."

Refusal Breaker Pattern	Suggests alternative phrasings when AI cannot answer a question.	"When unable to answer, explain why and provide a rephrased question or related topic I can explore."
Personal Pattern Prompt	Ensures consistent writing style in client communications.	"Here are examples of my writing style. Use them to draft client updates with a conversational yet professional tone."
Preference-Driven Refinement	Iteratively improves output by incorporating specific user feedback.	"Based on this draft, refine the tone to be more empathetic but keep the legal details concise. Highlight client options clearly in the conclusion."
Socratic Method Deep Thinking Prompt	Encourages critical thinking and nuanced analysis of complex topics.	"Act as Socrates and guide me through a discussion on legal ethics by asking probing, open-ended questions. Help me critically examine assumptions, consequences, and alternative viewpoints."