



Sample Personal Statement for Law School

It was a summer evening and I had just finished my homework when I heard a knock on the door. It was my uncle and I was surprised to see him at our house as he seldom visits. On closer inspection, I noticed that he was flustered and sweating profusely. He asked for my mother and told us that my father had been arrested by the police on charges of financial mismanagement and fraud at his company. My father was an accountant at one of the most reputed financial consultancy firms in the city. The events that followed made me choose a career in law.

During the court proceedings, my father was represented by Advocate Nitish K**** who was a veteran criminal lawyer. He presented my father's case before the court claiming that he was innocent and the whole case was cooked up in order to frame my father. Although the proceedings dragged on for quite a while, in the end, my father's innocence was proved. I attended all the court proceedings with my mother and was astounded by the communicative skills and analytical capabilities of Mr Nitish. He was a capable lawyer who had saved my father from an unfortunate fate. These chain of events motivated me to become a lawyer and follow in the footsteps of Adv Nitish, in hopes of being able to deliver justice to the layman.

After completing my basic schooling, I pursued my LLB degree from NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad. I received training in intellectual property law, family law, constitutional law, and labour laws during this period. I improved my investigation and composition skills by working on a variety of tasks, including media research, cinema reviews, press interviews, moot arguments, and petition drafting. Apart from academics, I have also had the opportunity to intern with some of the reputed law firms in the country such as Kesar Das B. & Associates, New Delhi, and Sarthak Advocates and Solicitors, Delhi. At these firms, I was in charge of supporting senior lawyers in court procedures, preparing legal papers, writing case briefs, and gathering data on a variety of themes including statutory law rights, intellectual property theft, tortious interference, and the Legal Metrology Act, among others.

I have also had the opportunity to work for Amazon India's Legal Department. I worked as an official scribe for the Bar Council of India and was one of the organisers of the Society of India Law Firm Legal Summit in March 2016. 'State of Maharashtra v Union of India' was a case in which I was heavily involved in. I also attended the BCI-organized conference on "Women's Legal Rights in India" and a workshop on "Crimes Against Dalits." I had also volunteered to be a core member of the Indian Law Conclave's third edition.

Now that I have completed my LLB, I wish to further my studies with an LLM from The University of British Columbia, Vancouver Campus. The LLM program offered by the Peter A. Allard School of Law is a research oriented program that shapes candidates to become sought-after lawyers. I wish to specialize in Criminal Law and Corporate Law through my master's. With top notch facilities like Allard Hall, the institution is connected to other law universities and courthouses across the country. The opportunity to learn under faculty members like Natasha Affolder and Erez Aloni is highly valuable for me as a student.

The University of British Columbia (UBC) is a private research university in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. It was founded in 1908 and is renowned for its academic and professional excellence as well as its global influence. It is ranked #46 in the QS Global World Rankings 2022. Students are aided by expert specialists who provide fundamental training and operational experience. I am confident that my time at this institution would help me achieve my professional aspirations.

My objective is to work as a criminal lawyer in India once I get certified. Starting at the federal level, I want to take my profession to the next stage and establish myself as a legal counsellor on a global scale. I would like to perform academic research on criminal law at a later time in my career. This LLM degree, combined with practical experience, will assist me in achieving the objectives I have set for myself.