

Sample of Personal Statement- Law

There is a saying that “Democracy must be built through open societies that share information. When there is information, there is enlightenment. When there is debate, there are solutions.” This is the core value that I believed since I was young and the reason that I am interested in pursuing a career in the legal field.

In order to gain more knowledge of the legal field, I applied for a placement in the legal sector. Through the Business-School Partnership Programme held by the Education Bureau, I had a chance to work as an intern in a local law firm which provided a perfect training arena for me to develop a deeper insight in the law-related subject and strengthened my communication skills and problem-solving skills. During the internship, I was assigned to provide general legal and secretarial supports. These trained up my skills on preparing documentation and presenting legal arguments. Besides, I have been given a lot of opportunities to involve in meeting different clients, thereby facilitating me to learn from and observe the senior colleagues dealing with clients from various backgrounds. Through the programme, I realised that being a professional lawyer requires great negotiation and communication skills as these enable me to gain trust from my clients and help them fight for justice.

Apart from academic studies, I also engage in various extra-curricular activities. For instance, I am a team leader of the Debating Society. Through formulating arguments and rebutting arguments from the opposite sides, I believe it is crucial in enhancing my ability in logical and critical thinking, which would be beneficial for investigating different legal issues. Besides, as a team leader, I have learnt to interact with my team members and work allocation. During the preparation, we have to trust and motivate each other so as to win the competition. The most precious thing I have gained in the Debating Society is not the prize we won, but the team spirit and the collaboration skills, which are the most essential traits of a professional lawyer.

Aside from cooperation and leadership, perseverance is what I gained in these years in rowing. I have participated in the school’s Rowing Team for three years. Rowing is one of the most demanding sports, requiring one with undefeatable spirits and endurance. It not only strengthened my toughness, but also taught me leadership skills on how to navigate through a dynamic work environment, not to mention it will help me overcome the challenges I might face in the law school. These have unquestionably encouraged myself to achieve the goals of reaching a career path in the legal field.

I have acquired different skills in my secondary school life and tried my best to develop into an all-round and mature student. I am confident that I would be able to take the challenges ahead with the knowledge and skills acquired. I hope to gain a valuable chance of studying in the field of law, to gain knowledge and life experience from university, and utilize my skills to contribute to the society.