

"Judge" is only capitalized when it is used preceding the name of a judge or when it is used in the context of direct address.



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Knowing is the act or condition of having knowledge while learning is an act in which something is learned. The latter fits better here.



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The word "extremely" is an intensifier that modifies your weak adjective ("sensitive"). Consider removing the intensifier or replacing the weak adjective by a strong one to sharpen your writing. For example, you may use the word "susceptible."



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Start a new paragraph here.



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Try to use strong words to support your statement.



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Passive sentences tend to be wordier than active sentences. Consider writing this sentence in the active voice.



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You can use "the" only when talking about something which is already known to the listener or which has been previously mentioned, introduced, or discussed.



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## SAMPLE ESSAY

~~As-my~~ With a father ~~who~~ is a judge, I have had more opportunities than most children to ~~learn know~~ about the law while growing up. ~~I-remember-on-our-dining-table-my~~ My father would share and discuss cases with me ~~at the dining table~~ every week. As my awareness of the law developed, I began to see how it could often be argued from alternative angles. One day ~~after school-after-finishing-class~~, I walked down to the court where my father worked. Protesting at the gate was a group of one hundred or so labor activists, who were fiercely expressing their anger over a company's bankruptcy and subsequent inability to pay its workers' salaries. My father had been working on this case for a long ~~period-of~~ time, but the protesters were relentless. The law was being implemented in a system that was not perfect nor developed enough. Therefore, law enforcement officers, lawyers, and judges like my father became ~~extremely~~ sensitive to the following dilemmas; the result was unfair towards ordinary citizens. From this point onwards, I was determined to study law, and due to the nature of the cases I had discussed with my father, I had ~~built-up~~ a special interest in commercial law and bankruptcy law. Over the years, the rule of law in China has been an idealistic idea, yet it is something ~~that~~ we urgently need. How can people's rights ~~be~~ guaranteed so ~~that~~ we can live in a just society? ~~And-particularly, what-What~~ are the ~~most~~-fundamental rights that should be guaranteed? ~~I want-to-will~~ use all of my determination and the opportunities given to me to answer these questions and guarantee people's rights.

During my studies at Zhejiang Gongshang University ~~Llaw Sschool~~, I maintained high grades and I frequently participated in competitions to ~~acquire develop~~ practical legal skills. These competitions included speech contests, moot courts, debates, and research projects. I am ~~especially~~ proud of my efforts as I did not just perform well throughout them, ~~but-I-could-clearly-see-how~~ also vastly improved my logical analysis skills, as well as my legal research and writing skills. One of the most memorable competitions was when I composed a paper titled "Implementation of Restitution in Criminal Law and Liquidation for Civil Liability," and afterwards I debated the contents of my paper in a competition. I ~~greatly-improved~~ honed my understanding of legislation and the judiciary as well as problems in law enforcement. No longer was I ~~just~~ interested in merely researching the law as it is, ~~but rather~~ I began actively seeking out frontier legal issues and questions. One of my professors – ~~an expert in the industry – with-rich-practical-experience~~ complemented my empirical research during this competition, commenting that ~~my-research~~ it was representative, ~~that~~ it and successfully considered the relationship between legal theory, the work of the court, and social influences. My professor encouraged me to publish my work in a legal journal, and the process solidified my interest in legal research.

Another memorable experience was during an intense international criminal law moot competition held at the International Criminal Court. In this fiercely competitive environment, I ~~did-not-withdraw, rather, I-relied-on~~ channeled the confidence I had gained during my studies to independently draft a 20-page legal assignment in one week, and after six rounds of oral debating, I came out victorious and became one of only two representatives to be sent from Zhejiang Province to compete in China's national representative team. My success in this competition ~~greatly~~ reflected my ~~passion and~~ interest in the work and the long hours ~~that I had~~ dedicated to improving my skills. By carrying out moots with some of the most outstanding law students in China, I was inspired not just by the teaching staff but ~~also by~~ the resourcefulness and enthusiasm of the participants; ~~we all learned, resulting-in-us-all-learning~~ from each other. This inspired me to apply ~~to for a visiting student program~~ at Columbia University, a one-semester journey, taking courses ~~as-a-Columbia-University-student~~ both in the undergraduate program and Columbia Law School. Intensive exploration in courses like Advanced Topics in Law and Society and Bankruptcy Law, ~~law-school summer-exchange-in-July-this-year, a-month-long-study-trip-that~~ gave me a deeper understanding of the ~~U.S.~~ legal system ~~in-the-US~~, and ~~positively~~ affirmed my desire to study abroad.

While I am confident that the studies I had during law school and my grasp of theoretical knowledge are important, I firmly believe that law students require solid practical training on relevant legal questions and the chance to work on and solve issues that society faces. Thus, I ~~used leveraged~~ every opportunity during my university vacations to undertake legal internships. While interning in court, I ~~was faced-with~~ faced a large number of commercial law cases, which strengthened my interest in bankruptcy law. Later, I was fortunate to be chosen ~~to-intern-at-as-an-intern for Zhong Lun Law Firm, where I-m-after-undergoing-its-strict-application-process-to~~ worked with ~~a the~~ team led by a reputable commercial lawyer in a group specializing in bankruptcy and non-performing loans. My strong English skills and my legal drafting and research skills were put to use immediately and were recognized by the team. This allowed me to ~~take-part~~ participate in ~~many-several~~ important cases, such as the merger and restructuring process of 12 bankrupt companies. For this task, I was responsible for wading through each and every company document in the litigation. I ~~was-in-charge-for~~ oversaw all procedures relating to the court application and had to manage the drafting of most documents. I came up with another statistical method to make these processes more efficient. For the declaration of creditor's rights, I introduced a new network of declaration mechanisms, thereby increasing the convenience for creditors' to conduct examinations. It was clear that there were greater issues regarding China's bankruptcy law that our lawyers had to face. Lack of legislative reforms has created great confusion and disorganization in implementing the law. For example, the impact and consequences resulting from the merger and restructuring of affiliated enterprises, the management of goods after a bankruptcy case, as well as questions and issues relating to liability, civil, and criminal responsibility, all require further attention. The faults in our reform mechanisms have caused criticism from people ~~across in~~ China; enterprises have therefore escaped reform measures, hindering the follow-up work that needs to be done.

In contrast, the U.S. bankruptcy law is relatively advanced. By ~~guaranteeing ensuring~~ each party's interests during the bankruptcy process, and representing their various rights at each stage, fairness is guaranteed to a ~~much-higher~~ greater extent. Furthermore, the courts' authority to supervise and restrict the behavior of the parties assists in guaranteeing that bankruptcy processes are ~~carried-out~~ executed properly. The federal trustee system distinguishes courts' responsibility for judicial adjudication of bankruptcy cases from courts' administrative management responsibility, thus improving ~~the~~ efficiency of the legislative functions. These characteristics have greatly enhanced the effectiveness of carrying out liquidation and restructuring in the U.S. and have facilitated the healthy development of commercial activities ~~in-the-U.S.~~ This is the direction that China's bankruptcy system and related laws need to move towards, and the U.S. provides a fine example. Business activities influence the life and development of everyone, and the reasonable judgments of commercial cases demand as much attention that we give to other cases. The chance to study law in the U.S. will greatly benefit my career development so that I can receive more professional legal training and improve my occupational skills. After completing my L.L.M., I ~~plan-on-entering-a~~ intend to enter a top-tier law firm in Shanghai to engage in commercial law and ~~help-to~~ develop the laws governing commerce and bankruptcy in China. In the long-term, ~~my-goal-is~~ I aim to become a commercial law partner to assist businesses ~~that-are~~ facing difficulties and ~~help-to-make-necessary-reforms to reform~~ China's bankruptcy law, allowing individuals and the whole of society to benefit under the rule of law.

I would typically avoid "period of time" altogether unless the period is something that I wanted to emphasize and the amount of time is not known. Native speakers tend to use just the word "long" on its own.



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Better avoid starting sentences with "And" in formal writing. "And" and "But" work better at the beginning of sentences in informal, conversational writing.



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The difference between "develop" and "acquire" is that to "develop" is to change with a specific direction while to "acquire" is to get.



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There is no need here to mention your research twice.



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To affirm something means to state it clearly and strongly. The word "positively" seems unnecessary here.



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The word "guarantee" appears repeatedly in this sentence. Consider using a synonym in its place.



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It appears that the adjective "higher" may not be the right word to go with the noun "extent." Consider using a different adjective, i.e. "greater."



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