

# Law Admission Essay

Since I was a kid, people always told my parent that I was very argumentative. Influenced by 90s old Hong Kong legal dramas, I dreamed to be a lawyer as a teenager. Unfortunately, grown up in a traditional Chinese family, I didn't have lots of freedom to choose my career path. My father is an aerospace engineer and he always wanted me to be an engineer too. Because of this, I chose biomedical engineering as my college major.

Although not very enjoyed my courseworks, I still did very well at college. I earned good grades and engaged in multiple extracurricular activities. Because of my excellent academic performance, at my senior year, I received a full scholarship and a research assistant position at a PhD program in an American University, majored at Electrical Engineering.

After spending three years in graduate school, I decided it maybe the time to pursuit what I am really interested. I withdrew my PhD candidate and graduated with a master degree. Later I finally made my teenage dream came true—I became a law student.

I spent my first year at University of Minnesota. I felt very fortunate to be accepted by such a great law school—with a full-ride scholarship. 1L summer I worked at an IP law firm at Minneapolis as a law clerk and did lots of patent prosecution works for them. I was good at my work and I enjoyed working with people at the firm, but sometimes I would ask myself, is Minneapolis really where I want to spend the rest of my life at?

With a negative answer, I decided to transfer. I sent in my application pretty late but fortunately still got accepted by Georgetown. The past two semesters at GULC is the happiest time in my life. I love the professors, my classmates, and everything of DC. Sometimes when I walked from the subway station to the campus, I would greatly appreciate the views the Capital offered and felt so happy I made my decision to transfer.

There is only one negative thing my transfer brought to me—I missed the EIW bidding deadline. Because of this, I was not able to participate in last year's EIW. Luckily, because of my hard science background, I still got a job at Jones Day as summer associate.

My summer at Jones Day went well so far. I was recruited specifically for patent prosecution work, so unlike other summers here, most of my assignments are patent prosecution related. I am good at my work but sometimes I feel I am missing something. So once again, I asked myself, is patent prosecution really something I want to do for the rest of your life?

With a negative answer, I started to think what I really want to do for my life. They say if you work for passion, then you don't need to work for one more day. The ideal situation is always if you can work for something you are passionate about, but also you are good at (most time they are overlapped). I am always interested in business and economics. I remember during my 1L year I went to an interview with a firm's business department. My interviewers looked at my resume, then asked: why you are interviewing with us, with your background, you should do patent. Ever since then, I always be automatically put into the patent category after people saw my resume.

Although always pretending I am not an engineering nerd, the truth is I like science and technology stuff. And because of so many years of engineering training, those high-tech involved cases—which may drive my law school peers crazy—actually is very easy for me to understanding. Also as a first generation immigrant, I have a multi-cultural background and language skills. This gives me great advantages when dealing with clients from different countries and cultures, especially Asians. With the fast development of China, there are more and more Chinese companies start doing business in US and other countries. And this brings great needs of people as me, who not only knows the American law, but is familiar with the Chinese culture and language. For example, one of the interesting change I observed for the past few years is, Chinese technique companies used to be sued a lot by US companies for infringement, but now more and more Chinese technique companies come to US and bring lawsuit to against local American companies. I could see myself play a great role in either way lawsuits, and I believe I would be a great asset for any firm conduct international business, especially technology related business.

Frankly, I still haven't figured out what I exactly want to do for my future law practice—some people could not find the answer for their whole life and they never bother to. But I know it needs to be the overlapping area of what I am passionate about and what I am good at doing. And this is the overlapping zone of international business law and IP law. It might be international IP litigation or transaction, or it might be international merger or acquisition for high tech companies. But no matter what it would be, I am sure it is not spending the rest of my legal career writing patent applications.

I am so glad GULC offer this international business and economic law LLM program for JD student. This would be especially useful for someone like me, who always interested in business and economics, but never had chance to get some systematic training of it. I sincerely hope you could accept me to this joint degree program. Everyone has a dream about what they want to be when they were kids. The dream could be pretty vague at first, but as we growing up, the outline of that dream becomes more and more clear. I want have an exciting legal career as an international business law attorney, and I want to be an expert in the high tech business area. Now the only brick is missing from my blue print is some formal international business law training, and I promise you would not regret for accepting me in your program and helping me fulfill my dream.

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