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Law Statement of Purpose

My journey to finding my purpose in life has been full of obstacles, but it has helped shape my decision to pursue a law degree. I have dealt with situations that I never imagined I would have to experience; however, instead of letting these situations discourage me, I chose to stay strong. (My road) to pursuing my goals has been extremely tumultuous because I struggled with finding my place in school due to the foundation that I started with, which was too shaky. (From the start of pursuing my bachelor's degree to struggling in professional school, I faced challenges that have only made my determination to succeed even greater.) (I know that the challenges I face will never stop me from pursuing my goals; instead, they will make me stronger and more prepared to deal with reality.) Until now, I never considered law school an option for me, because I was not exposed to what a lawyer does, besides the on-screen dramatized representation of law school and lawyers. I was focused on a career in the healthcare professions.

Pursuing a career in healthcare was my earliest goal because the one thing that I always have been certain of is devoting my life to giving back to the community by providing health care (to people.) With this in mind, I started at Benedictine University, pursuing a career as a healthcare professional. I stumbled in the beginning, but I stayed focused and improved my grades during the last two years of undergrad. Next, I completed my Master's degree in Healthcare Administration, which was based on various aspects of the healthcare delivery system, the challenges facing the United States Healthcare System, and provided solutions on how those challenges can be tackled. I believed that this would be a vital degree for a future healthcare professional. Not realizing that I was choosing to pursue something that was not meant for me, I pushed and pushed and tried to fit myself into a certain role until I ended up being academically dismissed from Optometry school.) After this, I took time to reflect on where I could make changes in my life, and this period of self-reflection allowed me to realize that I was not ready to give up on my goal of devoting my life to helping others. I researched programs that would build upon my knowledge base but still provide options to explore other types of roles.

It was not until I began the Post-Baccalaureate program at Dominican University that I realized I had other interests besides healthcare, and that those interests would not only allow me to reach my goal of serving the community but that there were professional options that I could excel at and enjoy. I discovered an interest in the legal profession through my Medical Law and Ethics course. This course exposed me to healthcare law and showed me that there was a whole other aspect to healthcare I had not yet explored. (From the various speakers that made presentations in the course, my interest was piqued and I researched the laws that govern healthcare. I was fascinated and passionate about the legal system and the significant role lawyers play in shaping society, not just healthcare.

I thoroughly considered law school and, from every angle, I realized that I had been missing a big opportunity in my life. Rather than being disappointed at my previous failed attempts, I am now grateful for my circuitous journey because it has solidified my true goal. Law school will provide a route I had not previously considered to pursue my life goals of helping society, first in the role of a law student, and eventually as a future lawyer. The lawyers that I have spoken to, that I have shadowed, and that I have observed all come from a vast variety of backgrounds and currently practice in a multitude of roles. That exemplifies to me that, even with an unusual background, I still have a lot to offer in the practice of law. Law school will allow me the opportunity to be a working member of society and to achieve my personal goal of the betterment of society. I now look at my background as an asset because, despite the roadblocks I faced, it has led me to law school. I am confident and encouraged by the opportunities associated with attending law school and I am eager to one day be a lawyer.

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