

Law Statement of Purpose

My journey to finding my purpose in life has been full of obstacles, but it has been one that helped shape who I am today. 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 an extremely tumultuous path 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 ready to deal with the reality of the real world. Attending law school was never something that was an option to me, because I have never had any exposure into what a lawyer does, besides the on-screen dramatized representation of law school and lawyers. Due to my tunnel vision regarding anything besides the healthcare professions, I had never considered law school to be a goal of mine until now.

Pursuing a career in healthcare had been my goal since I began my undergraduate studies because the one thing that I have always been certain of is devoting my life to giving back to the community through providing health based 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 was able to improve my grades during the last two years of undergrad. However, this was not enough for graduate schools, and unfortunately, my transcripts reflected that. There was a silver lining, however, as I was able to complete 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 vital as 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 am not ready to give up on my goal of devoting my life towards helping others. I did research into 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 enjoy and excel at. One such interest I had was my Medical Law and Ethics course. Through this course, I was exposed to healthcare law, which allowed me to realize that there was a whole other aspect to healthcare I had not explored. From the various speakers that presented in the course, my interests had piqued and I researched as much as I could regarding the laws that govern healthcare. I was fascinated and passionate about the legal system and how significant of a role lawyers plays in shaping society, not just healthcare. I took time to reflect and thoroughly consider law school, and from every angle, I looked at it, I realized that I had been missing a big opportunity in my life. Rather than being disappointed at my failed attempts, I am now grateful for my journey because it has solidified my true goal. Law School allows for 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 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 work not only towards my personal goals but towards the betterment of society. I now look at my background as an asset because, despite the roadblocks I faced, it has led me down this path to which I am confident and encouraged by the opportunities associated with attending law school and one day, as a lawyer.

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