

## Personal Statement

In the ancient Greek mythology, Themis, the goddess of law and justice, was often depicted as a graceful lady clad in a white robe, wearing a gold crown, with both her eyes blindfolded, scales in the left hand, and a sword in the right hand. All of these represent integrity, justice and equity. Around 2050 B.C, the oldest known law code, the Code of Ur-Nammu, came into being. Ever since, law has played the role of setting rules and dissolving disputes. However, since the associations between people are so complicated that injustice cannot be completely eradicated. In the process of my growing up, I deeply feel the inequities in society from what is learned via the media, or in my own life. When I was a little girl, my uncle borrowed a large sum of money for a friend without signing any contract with him due to the typical Chinese brotherhood and trust in his friend. To my uncle's surprise, the man refused to pay back the money when the debt was due. In order to repay the liability, uncle had done everything he can and lived an extremely difficult life in the following years, while his friend, the real obligor, was enjoying his life unabashedly. I felt so aggrieved for my uncle that I made up my mind to fight for justice. In my heart, law is the embodiment of justice.

Having laid my commitment years ago, I chose to study Law at Renmin University in China after I got a bachelor's degree in English at Nanjing University of Science and Technology. Academic excellent characterized my undergraduate studies at both Renmin university and Nanjing University of Science and Technology. I was awarded the "Outstanding student", the second-class and third-class scholarship, etc. Outside academic pursuits, I energetically involved myself in several activities outside the classroom. I hold the post of Director of Literature & Art Department, NJUST. I was also a member of reporter team in Xianfeng Television Station. In addition, I have obtained the certificate of piano level 10. My interest in arts allowed me to thrive in an environment of teamwork, leadership, and mental strength.

As an application-oriented subject, Law puts more emphasis on actual practice than on theoretical research. During my two years in Renmin University of China, I have participated for many times in the mock courts held by university. My understanding of the theoretical knowledge in books was deepened through these experiences. Being a member of the Legal Service Association of the university, I actively promoted the publicity of law through various legal knowledge contests we launched and helped those in need with what I learnt. In the summer vacation of 2015, I interned in the Civil Division of the People's Court with the responsibility of compiling dossiers and sending summons. There I learnt the trial procedure and my ability of singling out and tackling the principal contradiction was greatly improved. Since it has been a tradition in China that we emphasize entities but despise procedures, the procedural system has much faultiness. Although judiciary is independent in theory, the truth is that judicial power is more or less restricted by administrative power. In a society where the rule of power is greater than the rule of law, it is naturally difficult to thoroughly realize justice. The fast developing Chinese society calls for a change and improvement of this situation. Through my in-class and

extracurricular studies I know that the Anglo-American law system is much more impeccable.

My goal after graduation is to find a position in courts or law offices, gaining experience for my judicial career. In the long run, I plan to have my own law office in China. Therefore, I want to learn more about law under more objective and professional instructions. I believe that the international environment in Hong Kong will definitely help me to broaden my horizon and get prepared for my future career.

It is always my firm belief that “Perseverance will finally lead to victory”. To encounter setbacks is never fearful; to give up just before you succeed is the most fearful thing. For most people, persistence is so difficult, and for this reason success is so rare. It is also true in studying, especially in the studies of law. With my determination, insistence and effort, I believe I can go far in the way of pursuing righteousness and justice. I hope to be an excellent lawyer in the future and help people to solve legal difficulties with my expertise in Law. I find the Department of .... in your university particularly suits my purpose. I sincerely hope that I will be admitted into your university.

Faithfully yours,  
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