

As I look back on my academic and professional journey, I realize that every step has been a building block leading me towards my goal of studying law. Starting from Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, where I earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and English Linguistics, to my current role as a Climate and ESG Research and Company Valuation Analyst at MSCI, my journey has been a transformative exploration across diverse academic disciplines. Through these experiences, I have come to a profound realization about the pivotal role that legal experts play in shaping and implementing impactful changes, particularly in corporate governance, sustainability, and regulations.

During my undergraduate studies, I excelled at the top of my department, and later, as a Fulbright Scholar attending Columbia University's Quantitative Methods in Social Sciences (QMSS) program, I was able to hone my academic research methods. My academic pursuits further deepened during my Ph.D. program in finance at the University of Rochester, exposing me to the complexities of corporate governance and sustainability research.

The transition from academia to the corporate sphere, particularly my entry into MSCI's research department, offered me an invaluable perspective on the impact of legal structures on business valuations and investments. My role as a research analyst allowed me to contribute significantly to the evaluation process, aiding companies in adopting sustainable management practices.

In my professional endeavors, I have been captivated by the challenge of interpreting global legal regulations and frameworks, such as the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board, Climate Disclosure Standards Board, and Global Reporting Initiative. These standards are critical in identifying risks and opportunities that are financially material to companies and the global economy. A deeper understanding of how case law influences these frameworks and the application of laws is something I have always sought to enhance the advice I provide to clients,

company representatives, policymakers, and government organizations.

Now, with over three years of experience in the corporate sector, I find myself at a pivotal moment in my career. Although my contributions as an analyst have been substantial, I am propelled by a deeper ambition to directly influence the development and application of laws governing corporate practices. The realization that legal experts—lawmakers, regulators, and legal practitioners—have had the most profound impact on my work solidifies my decision to pursue law school.

I am convinced that a legal education will provide me with the tools necessary to deeply understand, interpret, and influence the legal frameworks surrounding corporate regulations. The prospect of joining a community that drives positive change through legal expertise is immensely appealing to me.

Upon acceptance into law school, I aim to focus on international law, labor law, corporate law, and environmental law, with a particular emphasis on corporate regulation. This focus aligns perfectly with my academic background and professional experiences, offering a unique blend of legal and financial insights. I intend to collaborate with business school professors to further explore corporate sustainability, recognizing the vital connection between legal acumen and sustainable business strategies.

In conclusion, my aspiration to attend law school is deeply rooted in the belief that legal expertise holds the power to transform corporate sustainability practices. I am eager to immerse myself in the legal studies, especially in the realm of corporate regulations, and to make a significant contribution to the advancement of responsible and sustainable business practices. This journey represents not just a personal ambition but a commitment to contributing to a more sustainable and equitable corporate world.