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Law School Personal Statement Example

I never thought a community center basement would shape my future. But that's where I first translated for my parents at a tenant rights meeting. The folding chairs were squeaky, the coffee was burnt, and the lawyer spoke fast. Too fast. I was 15, and I had no clue what “retaliatory eviction” meant. But I nodded like I did and scribbled down every word to look up later.

That moment stuck with me. Not just the stress, but the feeling that so many people, like my parents, live in systems they can't fully access. Not because they don't care but because they don't speak the language of power. Law.

Since then, I've been chasing that language. I studied political science, not because I love theory (I don't), but because I needed a starting point. I interned at a housing justice nonprofit where I updated intake forms in multiple languages and sat in on mediation sessions. I saw how law can be a wall, or a bridge.

I don't want to become a lawyer to wear a suit or argue in court. I want to rewrite rental clauses, push for clear language policies, and sit in more basements with families who need answers, not jargon. My goal is to specialize in housing and immigration law, especially for non-English speaking communities.



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I know law school won't be easy. I'm not here for easy. I'm here because I remember what it felt like to explain eviction notices with Google Translate. I want to be someone who makes the law feel human.

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