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Upon successfully completing a legal education, I aspire to help improve legal representation for disadvantaged populations. My social justice advocacy goals stem from both my **[DEGREE NAME]**, where I first learned about prevailing injustices and inequalities in the legal system, and my time as a law clerk, where I witnessed these injustices firsthand. These experiences, combined with my compassionate demeanour, have well equipped me for the study of law.

As a law clerk, it was unsettling to see the gap in access to justice across demographics. As I worked alongside forward-thinking colleagues, I learned how to become an advocate for those often overlooked. Whether this meant travelling to visit those with physical limitations, or translating materials for clients, with determination and creativity, even the most daunting barriers could be conquered. Working closely with a number of disadvantaged clients strengthened my confidence in my ability to lead, problem-solve, and make a meaningful impact on the lives of others. This role granted me with a rare and heartfelt experience holding great personal value.

In the pursuit of higher education and diversified professional experience, I received my undergraduate degree studying **[DEGREE NAME]**, and **[GRADUATE DEGREE NAME]**. During my undergraduate degree, I achieved Dean's Honours List, graduated with distinction in **[DEGREE NAME]** and received **[AWARD NAME]**. As I continued my education at the graduate level, I improved my strategic thinking and fine-tuned my research and writing capabilities, all while meeting strict deadlines. While I excelled in my graduate studies, it reaffirmed my interest in law and made me recognize my goal of creating effective change for disadvantaged populations in the legal field.

Upon completing my postgraduate studies I began working at **[COMPANY NAME]**. As the **[JOB TITLE]**, I have the pleasure of **[ROLE DESCRIPTION]**. My responsibilities include **[KEY RESPONSIBILITIES LIST]**. This role has helped me evolve my leadership, organizational and business skills, which will contribute to a successful career in law. It has also opened my eyes to the impact of legal terminology as a barrier preventing people from fully understanding the laws governing their own lives, and I look forward to one day sharing my legal knowledge and improving legal literacy.

Beyond academics and my career, making a positive impact on the community through volunteer work is one of my top priorities. As a volunteer with **[CHARITY NAME]**, I **[ROLE DESCRIPTION]**. My responsibilities include **[KEY RESPONSIBILITIES LIST]**. I am often the first point of contact for those impacted by conflict or disasters, and connect them to vital resources in times of urgent need. My involvement within the **[CHARITY NAME]** continues to be a rewarding experience that sparks an interest in practicing international human rights law. Through this field, I aspire to help shape a more just future that ensures all people live with dignity and equal opportunity. The communication, leadership, and interpersonal skills I have gained from this role paired with a legal education at **[LAW SCHOOL NAME]** will assist me in achieving this goal.

Though my path towards a career in law has not been linear, the life experiences, skills and knowledge I have gained along the way have made it evident that law is undeniably the right choice for me. I am determined to pursue a legal education in order to represent disadvantaged populations and contribute to a more just future. A legal degree from **[LAW SCHOOL NAME]** in particular will equip me with the skills and knowledge necessary to achieve this goal. The diverse range of experiential learning opportunities, course offerings and international study opportunities paired with a commitment to diversity and inclusion perfectly aligns **[LAW SCHOOL NAME]** with my own personal interests and career goals. I hope to participate in the **[CLINIC NAME]**, as I intend to **[CAREER ASPIRATIONS]**. I am extremely excited about the opportunity to pursue a legal education at **[LAW SCHOOL NAME]**. Thank you for your consideration.