

SAMPLE LAW SCHOOL PERSONAL STATEMENT—EDITED VERSION

It was about 12:30am on a Wednesday night. My two colleagues and I were getting tired after a long night of troubleshooting customer complaints for one of our marquee web design services. I have been a part of Professional Web Design LLC since its inception in 2005. I saw this venture as an opportunity to learn first hand what it is like to begin and maintain a self-sustaining business. I helped the budding company grow by heading up toolbar design ~~provided by Professional Web Design.~~

~~“We got~~We have three due this week and we need to have them all done by Thursday.”

~~These were my words to my business partners as we sat down to our weekly meeting. We were going over recent sales and the deadlines that needed to be met for the week. It was one of our biggest weeks ever for webpage sales and there was a lot of work that needed to be done.~~

~~I’ve~~ Having been a part of Professional Web Design since its inception in 2005, I have overseen its development and progression from an idea into a self sustaining profitable enterprise. My role in Professional Web Design is the oversight, direction and execution of its toolbar design and editing service. I take in orders customize the toolbars and deliver them on a timely basis to customers. ~~While at first I may not have been the most fit to carry out these duties, I had in me the desire to succeed.~~ I did whatever it took and learned whatever I needed to learn to execute my position to provide a quality product to the customer. ~~While I am far from an accomplished web designer,~~ my education from the Honors Program at Monmouth College has vastly heightened my ability to learn and adapt. This experience combined with my need provide a quality product for customers has driven me to success.

Having the ability to make my own path and create something for myself was an extremely satisfying and rewarding experience. Rather than working under a strict set of

Comment [U1]: Combine this with the first paragraph. Get to the point of your essay, do not linger on this event.

Comment [U2]: Do not sell yourself short. Replace with: “While I was unsure of how my English degree gained in the Honors Program at Monmouth College, would transfer to web design, I had in me the desire to succeed.”

regulations and under close watch, I was given the opportunity to be creative and execute the job as I saw fit. ~~My work with professional web design and its vast product line has been extremely worthwhile. Although the monetary rewards have left much to be desired, being an integral part of a successful entrepreneurial venture has been quite rewarding.~~ I have learned a great deal and gained so much experience pushing myself to do whatever it takes not only to get the job done but to do whatever it takes to do the job well.

Comment [U3]: You are really losing a lot of flow with this transition. You have to work on putting your sentences together into a cohesive well thought out essay.

One priceless ability ~~that I~~ gained from my work with Professional Web Design is the ability to balance the many different tasks and responsibilities that accompany running ones own company. It takes leadership, confidence and an understanding of managing risk to succeed, all abilities that Professional Web Design helped me to realize.

Professional Web Design gave me the opportunity to explore a passion that I have had for a long while. I have always admired the mavericks that were able to start and sustain their own operations. My first attempt at anything of this sort occurred junior year when I was a finalist in the Monmouth College Venture Competition. I created a business proposal and was picked to be a finalist and present the plan to a panel of Venture Capitalists. This experience was worthwhile as I saw my hard work pay off. I recall the long nights sitting at a round table with two of my colleagues figuring out the ins and outs of marketing, finance and accounting on our own without having much experience other in either of these fields. I was able to compete with some of the

Comment [U4]: While this is a good experience to talk about, focus more on your experience at Professional Web Design. If you want to include this, you should integrate it earlier into your essay. It looks as though you were trying take up space and just threw it onto the end of your essay.

best minds with little more than an idea and an unwavering will to achieve success. In the future, I want to create something similar to Professional Web Design and I feel law school will give me a great opportunity to do this. ~~Being a lawyer will allow me to gain a better grasp on the laws~~

Comment [U5]: You should consider yourself as one of the best minds. What advantage did the others in the competition have over you. It seems that everyone competed with little more than an idea and the will to succeed. Reword this, give yourself a little more credit.

~~and regulations that govern small businesses. It will give me the ability to have a smoother running business because of my experience with the law.~~

Comment [U6]: This is not vital and does not really make sense. You do not have to become a lawyer to gain the ability to have a smoother running business. You could easily take business classes or even become a paralegal. You do not claim to have firsthand experience with the law in any way shape or form so cutting out the last two sentences will probably be your best bet.

While my work with Professional Web Design is far from done, I am looking to take the next step. Being exposed to the law school process and with much recent talk about the rights and taxes of small business owners, I found that I developed a passion for pursuing a career in law as well.

Comment [U7]: You have not really mentioned the legal aspects of your small company. To bring them up in your conclusion does not make sense and will probably be detrimental to your task at hand.

Comment [U8]: You really need to work on your conclusion. It does not do what you need it to here. You have to restate your case for law school and leave the reader with a lasting impression.