

PERSONAL STATEMENT by TARO YAMADA

I am currently working for a legal department of ABC Co., Ltd. specializing in international contracts and licensing. While I am working for ABC Co., Ltd., my desire to become an expert in international private law and licensing emerged. Also, I learned that U.S. is a leading country in that area from my present job. Therefore, even though I am Japanese native, I want to study U.S. law and obtain an U.S. law license.

I tried to learn law deeply in Japan and took non-degree educational program to become a judicial scrivener in Japan. I now have technical skills as a judicial scrivener. However, this judicial scrivener did not satisfy my desire to be an expert in international private law and licensing. My personality since childhood is positively active and hard working toward my personal objective. So I decided to apply for XYZ school of Law in order for me to achieve my objective to enhance my capability and knowledge of American law and legal system as well.

When I started college my grades were not very good, however, you will find progressive improvement each semester in my transcript. Especially, my grades in English show this point. Similar tendency that you can find is scores on TOEFL. Every time my score improves rapidly, and I will be able to do the same on LSAT as well. I believe that these improving grades or scores tendency proves how I am hard working person once I decided to.

Also, I have spent 1 year in exchange student program in the U.S. while I was in a high school. My spoken English and listening ability will have no problem. The reason that I chose to be an exchange student was that English as a subject which live experience is important to understand the subject. My character has always been positively active since my childhood, so I decided to come to the U.S. to feel English environment when I was a high school student.

In my sport activity, I have a ski instructor license in Japan. When I was 10 years old, my father took me to ski and I did very poorly first time. Since then, I practiced skiing a lot, and I became a ski instructor when I entered senior high school. I continued skiing as my extra-curricular activity outside of school subjects study. This ski instructor license is one of proof that I was positively active and hard working person since my childhood.

Currently, I volunteered Chuo Community Circle to help handicapped people. I strongly feel that Japan is a country stay very behind in legal protection to these people than that of the United States. In addition to my primary interest in international private law and licensing law, I would learn this area of law while I stay in your law school because your law school has a reputation in legal advocacy in protecting handicapped people.

With my positively active character and hard working personality toward objective, you will not regret to accept me as a student of XYZ school of Law. I will contribute to other student and your law school in many ways from my working experience and studies in my university. Even though I am not a Japanese attorney at law, I have a lot of knowledge in Japanese law, so that I can explain difference in laws of Japan and the U.S. once I study the U.S. law.