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In Conversation with Khushi from Kurukshetra University on Preparing for Law Entrance Exams

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Tell us a bit about yourself.

My name is Khushi. I completed my education from The Century School, Karnal. I enrolled for B.A.LL.B (Hons) in Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra. Currently I am giving the exams of 5th semester. My whole journey has had lots of ups and downs but I never gave up and my family supported my every fair interest and decision.

I chose law as my career because a law degree empowers a person on different legal aspects and makes them sensitive to the needs of their family, friends and the wider community on a day to day basis. It’s a ride filled with excitement.

How did you start your journey in the field of law?

My journey into law is a family legacy. With both my dad and granddad in the legal world, courtrooms were like a second home. I decided to follow suit and officially joined the club after acing the CLAT exam. Moot court sessions and debates added a practical twist to my legal upbringing. Now, I’m weaving my own story in the legal realm, influenced by a family tradition of advocating for justice.

How were your initial years in the law school?

In my early years of law school, navigating the legal landscape posed some challenges for me. Transitioning from commerce in 12th grade, where my knowledge was confined to debits and credits to the world of law felt like an entirely new realm. Grasping legal concepts proved to be a formidable task initially.

As I approach my third year, the fog is lifting. The foundational law courses, once perplexing, are now becoming clear. I am gradually mastering legal principles and participating in moot court sessions and legal competitions has been transformative. These experiences bridge the gap between my commerce background and the expectations of law school.

Despite the initial difficulties, I'm improving in my legal studies. My unique journey from commerce to law brings a distinct perspective to my understanding. I am optimistic about becoming more adept with legal terminology and embracing the remaining years of law school.

What motivated you to pursue law as a career?

Opting for a legal career felt like the natural progression for me. Growing up in a family where both my dad and granddad were immersed in law exposed me to its intricacies from an early age. Witnessing their efforts in championing justice fueled my inspiration.

My inclination towards justice and the functioning of the legal system led me to consider law as a means to delve into this passion. Engaging in moot court sessions and legal competitions throughout my studies revealed that law extends beyond textbooks – it involves effecting real-life change.

What truly motivates me is the belief that law has the power to enact positive transformations, not only for individuals but for society as a whole. Striving to be a catalyst for such positive change is my ultimate goal. Thus, my decision to pursue a career in law is a blend of familial influence, a profound love for justice, hands-on experiences, and the determination to contribute meaningfully to the legal realm and beyond.

What were your top 3 sources of information while preparing for the law entrance exam? Did you prepare for the exam all by yourself?

My go-to sources during law entrance exam preparation were the official CLAT study materials for essential content and practice papers. I also found CLAT-specific prep books helpful, providing clear explanations and additional practice questions. Additionally, online mock tests and dedicated CLAT platforms offered a valuable preview of the exam.

While I primarily studied independently, I didn't tackle it entirely on my own. Being from a family with a legal background, I occasionally sought tips and insights from my father and grandfather, who are advocates. This blend of individual preparation and familial guidance contributed to a well-rounded approach to the exam.

What would you say sets apart your story from others?

What sets my narrative apart is the intricate weave of my family's legal heritage entwined with my personal odyssey. Growing up amidst legal discussions with both my father and grandfather, who are advocates, not only inspired my choice to study law but also molded my views on justice and advocacy.

Furthermore, transitioning from a commerce background in the 12th grade to law school added a distinctive layer to my story. Starting with a limited understanding of concepts like debits and credits, I delved into the intricacies of law, bringing a fresh and unconventional perspective to my academic and professional pursuits.

My dedication to law isn't solely fueled by familial influence; it springs from an intrinsic passion for justice. Actively participating in moot court sessions and legal competitions, coupled with a genuine desire to positively contribute to the legal community, has been a defining aspect of my journey.

In essence, my narrative stands out for its fusion of family tradition, a unique educational transition, and a heartfelt commitment to the principles of justice, creating a story that is both personal and distinctive in the broader context of pursuing a career in law.

Any advice you'd like to pass on to law school aspirants and law students?

First things first, strike a balance between hitting the books and working smart because law school is no joke. Ensure your study routine is on point, and mastering time management is crucial—juggling lectures, readings, and some much-needed downtime.

Now, let's dive into the exciting stuff – legal throwdowns. Dive into moot court or mock trials; it's like the Olympics of the legal world, boosting your street cred and honing your skills. Networking isn't just a buzzword; it's your golden ticket. Swap solo Netflix nights for mingling with professors

and legal big shots. Google becomes your best friend – master the art of finding legal gems online for killer research.

When it comes to writing, keep it clear and simple. Legal gossip is a legit thing; stay in the loop with hot cases and law drama. Beyond the books, get involved in clubs and pro bono work. Professors are more than just grade-givers; they can be your mentors.

Don’t procrastinate on bar exam prep – start early, so you’re not stressing when it counts. And hey, embrace the professional vibe but stay true to yourself. Lastly, your mental health is non-negotiable. Law school can be intense, so take care of yourself and don’t hesitate to seek support. Remember, it’s not just about acing exams; it’s about enjoying the ride and becoming a legal rockstar. You’ve got this!