

## **personal statment Renad Derar**

It's difficult for me to recall what I wanted to do when I was younger, but the first thing I would say to people was "a lawyer," even though I knew nothing about them. My aspirations and objectives were always shifting. I once considered becoming an archaeologist simply because I liked the word. Growing older and talking about my goals for the future with my friends and family helped me realize what interests me. Justice and human rights piqued my interest in law. Without a legal framework, society devolves into chaos. The law has a tremendous societal impact on everyone by establishing equity for various racial groups, genders, and social strata. To offer the common person a voice in the legal system, I wish to pursue a noble vocation.

I once read that the idea of law began after the Babylonian king Hammurabi implemented the phrase "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." in 1790 BC. From the right intentions and perspectives, it is attractive because the law is constantly evolving to accommodate our diverse society. Coming from an unjust background and seeing firsthand the consequences of an unchecked legal system further defines my desire to serve justice. I am very motivated to pursue a career as a lawyer due to current events happening in the world today; especially the human rights violations that arose during the Syrian civil war. The lack of justice doesn't just happen in Syria, it's a global problem on a massive scale. The general principles of human rights law are not only violated in war but also violated every day, such as wrongful conviction and discrimination. Criminal law combined with human rights is a specific area of law that I would like to develop. This will allow me to contribute to the equality and fairness that are being challenged by today's society.

I was born in Saudi Arabia to parents who believed in the value of education. My loving mother travelled to the UK with me and my younger brother to complete her master's and PhD degrees. Throughout my education, I have maintained an eager learning style. In primary school, I joined a debate team. When I returned to my home nation of Saudi Arabia, I discovered a passion for Model United Nations. I've always pushed myself by selecting the GA1 committees because they're the most difficult. From receiving the best delegate honours to finally becoming a MUN chair, I've gone a long way. From public speaking to diplomatic negotiation abilities, my experiences in these arguments have taught me a lot. Going to university is a challenge, I am a committed hard worker who is steadfast in my aims but flexible in my ways and will go to any length to attain my goal. I am also very observant and pay close attention to details while keeping the big picture in mind. Above all, I am passionate about law, and I feel that if given the opportunity, I will shine and be one of the university success stories.