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To Whom It May Concern:

After taking my very first LSAT and scoring a 148, I was concerned about my chances of getting into a top law school. I spent four years working towards a strong undergraduate GPA and the LSAT is, arguably, even more critical to a competitive law school application. How could I not be concerned just four short months before the exam?

In speaking to friends that had been very successful (170+) in taking the LSAT, I learned about the resources they used to achieve their scores. More than one mentioned Jonathan Wang and the 7Sage online curriculum. Jonathan met me for a consultation in June 2014 to discuss a plan for taking the Sept 27, 2014 LSAT and his knowledge and experience with the test were apparent immediately. We discussed my first practice test and laid out a schedule that utilized the 7Sage online curriculum so that even when I was alone I still had guidance. From our first meeting, Jonathan was able to allay my concerns about not achieving a score that would be competitive for a top school—he pinpointed my weaknesses (Logical Reasoning) and laid out a clear plan to overcome them.
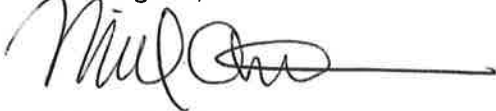
Our sessions were always very organized. I came to our second session having already been assigned work from the 7Sage curriculum that gave me an actual schematic for breaking down questions into parts. Jonathan taught me how each of the parts functioned—what each part's role was in presenting an argument. I had never clearly understood this, but as Jonathan shed light on argument structures, I was no longer thrown off by the difficult rhetoric of the LSAT. Nor was I relying solely on intuition to choose an answer; rather, I learned a mechanical system by which I identified different question types, broke down arguments into parts within those different questions, and clearly understood what the question stems were asking for. In doing so, I began to not only recognize correct and incorrect answer choices more quickly and often, but I started seeing patterns—it was at this point that I started to see substantial increases in my practice scores.

Jonathan taught me a completely different way to take tests. He took the time to help me undo bad habits, and while in the beginning I was moving slower, in the end, it paid dividends. He always made sure I understood exactly why something was correct or incorrect, often drawing diagrams or other visual representations to illustrate his points. That was the most reassuring part for me: he knew the test so well that he could verbalize it, diagram it, chart it, graph it, whatever the form of explanation, I always left our sessions sure of logic behind my choices.

All of this you should expect from a paid tutor, but Jonathan set himself apart from others by delivering the material in a way that did not make me feel bored or disinterested. He also took extra time with me on the side to discuss his experiences with the law school application process, the law school experience, and employment prospects. I got much more from out time together than just solid command of the LSAT.

I scored a 163 in September and retook in February for a 166. I owe the single largest debt of gratitude to Jonathan. Please feel to contact me with any questions about Jonathan or my experience working with him (mjc2240@columbia.edu).

Warm regards,

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