

# Personal Statement for Law School Revision Lab

## Part I. Silent Diagnostic

### 1. Core Claim

In one sentence, what does my personal statement argue about me as a future law student?

### 2. Evidence of Growth

Where do I show judgment, growth, or decision-making rather than just describing events?

### 3. Telling/Summarizing vs. Showing

Identify one place where I am summarizing/telling instead of showing.

### 4. Empty Impressive Sentence

Copy one sentence that sounds good but proves little.

### 5. Reader's Question

After reading my statement, what question might an admissions officer still have about me?

## Part II. Paragraph Autopsy

Choose one paragraph from your draft.

Label each sentence:

C = Context

A = Action

R = Reflection

L = Law Connection

What do you notice?

Too much context

Not enough reflection

No clear law connection

Strong action but unclear meaning

## Part III. Rewrite Constraint

Rewrite the same paragraph using:

1 sentence – Context

2 sentences – Action

2 sentences – Reflection

1 sentence – Law Connection

#### **Part IV. Reader Reality Check**

What kind of law student does this writer seem like?

What specific skill or trait is demonstrated?

What do you want to know more about?

#### **Part V. Reflection**

My personal statement works best when I treat it as a \_\_\_\_\_, not a \_\_\_\_\_.

One concrete revision I will make next: