

Statement of Purpose

In my experience as a Teaching Assistant at Chanakya National Law University and as a Research Fellow at the Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, I have come to realize that my passion for teaching stems from the belief that teachers are the most important tool in creating leaders of tomorrow. The joy that I have experienced while delivering lectures has been a self-rewarding experience and while enhancing my knowledge it has motivated my zeal for the profession too. As a teaching assistant for the international law faculty at the Chanakya National Law University, India, I have consistently emphasized the importance of recognizing the needs of Third World Countries through a more flexible and rational international trade regime.

Starting from courses I chose during my primary law degree and interest developed during the course of professional practice I have been keen to study the practice of international bodies and analyze evolution of various regulatory models across the globe, through which they function. At Berkeley Law, I would like to opt for a course structure dovetailed to this interest. I would pursue the courses on WTO, Intellectual Property Law, International Economic Law and International Relations, in order to understand the interlinkages between them. I also wish to understand how sovereignty of nations is often impeded by trade negotiations and in turn impinges on effective trade relations necessary for economic development. I feel these courses would relate to my professional experience and help me analyze the current global discourse on trade and development.

An LL.M degree with emphasis on the interface between economics, intellectual property and law, will also allow me to perceive the ever growing ambit of technology and essential inventions from a holistic medium. With the burgeoning need for innovations in wake of increased public health concerns and climate change, I believe a delicate balance needs to be maintained between law and technology to ensure a fair and just dissemination of the latter aimed at benefitting the society at large. As an aspiring academician, I do not want to restrict myself to classroom teaching but also want to

contribute my knowledge and training to assisting the Government of India in international treaty implementation and trade policy making. In furtherance of the same, if granted admission, I would definitely want to join the Berkeley Center for Law and Technology in order to enhance my knowledge of the functioning of the international intellectual property regime and the nuances of public policy making.

I believe an education at Berkeley Law will provide me with an exposure to a globally acclaimed system of education and methodology of teaching that I wish to imbibe and utilize to fulfill my ambition of becoming a reputed academic. Berkeley Law, while meeting my aspiration of erudition in my field of specialisation, will also equip me to confront the complexities of the legal and implementation issues involved in specialised areas of trade and law. Moreover, as a globally recognized centre for learning, Berkeley Law promises to prepare me well for service of the society through knowledge empowerment. For the reasons mentioned above, Berkeley Law, with its diverse offerings in the area of international legal studies and policy is ideally suited for my purpose.

After receiving an LL.M. degree from Berkeley Law, I will be joining the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade as an Assistant Professor. I also intend to teach Intellectual Property Law/International Trade Law at law schools in India and assist the Government of India on trade policy and treaty implementation issues. I ultimately intend to share the experience and knowledge acquired at your University with law students in India to help create a generation of lawyers sensitive to the aspects of international trade policy affecting the interests of developing/least developed countries and thereby empower them to effectively argue in its favour in related international forums.