

**Personal Statement for Loyola University New Orleans College of Law**  
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Every day, I wear a bracelet inscribed with a quote from Mother Cabrini: “The world is too small for what I intend to do.” These words are both a reminder and a challenge, fueling my ambition to serve as a transformative force in the world. My ultimate goal is to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court, and I believe Loyola University New Orleans College of Law is the best place in the entire country to help me realize this dream. With its Jesuit vision that “critical minds create freedom” and strong emphasis on justice, ethics, and service, Loyola beautifully aligns with my values and provides the perfect learning environment that I need to pursue a transformative legal career.

My commitment to service began early, and my life has been shaped by a promise I made as a kindergartener in Louisiana with my mom as my troop leader, reciting the Girl Scout Promise: “On my honor, I will try to serve God and my country, to help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout Law.” To that end, I went on my first mission trip to Mexico with the church youth choir in eighth grade and since then have served in San Diego, New York City (twice), Mexico (5-7 times—mostly medical), Russia, Nicaragua (multiple times—up to two months), Israel (3-week archaeological dig), Turkey, New Orleans (post-Katrina mud outs), etc. Now, at 41 years young, I still strive to embody this pledge through my Acts 20:35 Foundation, which began in 2023, and my conflict-free, ad-free, and free to access blog “Biblical Answers for Christian Living”, which directly serve others and amplify voices for justice and compassion while promoting critical thinking through the lens of the unerring word of God. The foundation’s vision is to “transform lives and communities through faith-inspired service and giving with a deliberate priority focus on Christian principles and the safety, health, and education of women and children in Louisiana (so far).” Current initiatives include Roux & Renewal (R&R), Swim Like Mike, A Safe Space, and The Acts 20:35 Empowerment Scholarship. Chosen from the 31,000+ verses in the Bible Acts 20:35 is my life verse—“In ALL things I have shown you that by WORKING HARD in this way WE must HELP the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to GIVE than to receive’” (ESV). It anchors my ethos of service, guiding me to be the hands and feet of Jesus by making a tangible difference in the lives of others. I am a person of action rather than words.

Education has been a steadfast cornerstone in a life marked by various abuses, violence, marginalization, and discrimination. I am twice exceptional—gifted academically but struggle to overcome cPTSD, anxiety, and depression. As a polymath with eight degrees (so far) and almost 250 hours of graduate credits with approximately a 3.8 GPA obtained without debt and mostly because of scholarships and/or student worker employment, I bring a unique, interdisciplinary perspective to the study of law. At times, I have even worked up to 3 full-time jobs while in graduate school. My diverse academic background has taught me to approach challenges with creativity and depth, a skill I will apply to understanding the boundaries and responsibilities—or “scope of practice”—of legal work. This broad lens will enrich my contributions to Loyola’s vibrant community.

I have already demonstrated a successful history of repeatedly pursuing multiple degrees at once, and my PhD in Christian Leadership with a focus on Digital Discipleship will be completed by the fall of 2026. My dissertation examines the downfall of Ancient Rome through the lens of leadership: secular Rome’s failures versus the servant leadership modeled by Jesus, contrasted with the legalistic “letter of the law” approach of Jewish tradition. It posits that leadership is so important and so vital a skill that poor leadership is the cause of the fall of the entire Ancient Roman Empire. I also explore how Jesus’ teachings inspire an endless well of love for humanity—qualities I believe are essential for effective

leadership and justice. This research has deepened my understanding of how empathy, rooted in Christian love, can transform systems—a principle I aim to apply in law. The Bible verses that guide me, “Study to show yourself approved” (2 Timothy 2:15) and “Offer your body as a living sacrifice” (Romans 12:1), reflect my commitment to intellectual rigor and selfless service.

As a first-generation college student who was born and raised in Houma, Louisiana and educated at several higher education institutions in Louisiana, I am deeply connected to my roots and driven to serve my home state and eventually beyond. My passion for law stems from a desire to address civil and human rights injustices in Louisiana while upholding constitutional principles by advocating for justice and equality. Growing up and then working here for four decades thus far, I have both experienced personally and witnessed countless inequities that demand legal remedies. I am fiercely driven to advocate for systemic change. Truth-telling is the bedrock of my ethos and cornerstone of my character, even when it’s difficult (which doesn’t make me very popular with friends, family, or especially not with employers). In a field like law where integrity is paramount, I have already proven that I am committed to upholding honesty in all I do, even when it’s painful or at the cost of losing (multiple) jobs. My passion for helping those in need is also guided by a St. Francis of Assisi quote beloved by both Mister Rogers and Robert F. Kennedy Jr.: “Preach the gospel always, use words when necessary.” I speak sparingly, letting my actions—my service—speak louder, as a living embodiment of the “hands and feet of Jesus” (1 Corinthians 12:27). This philosophy has guided my life and will shape my approach to law, where I aim to effect change through dedication, deeds, and an endless commitment to pursuing what’s right.

Loyola’s Jesuit values resonate deeply with my soul. Your emphasis on forming lawyers who serve the marginalized aligns with my mission to live out Acts 20:35. I am eager to join a community that values ethics, service, and justice, and to grow as both a legal scholar and a servant leader. Loyola’s robust training in constitutional and civil/human rights law, combined with its commitment to ethical practice, will prepare me to navigate complex legal challenges with integrity. As a servant leader and former chemistry instructor at Title I schools as well as for gifted students at universities like Johns Hopkins, I am a kinesthetic learner, so I am also particularly drawn to your experiential learning opportunities, which will hone my skills as a practitioner ready to make an impact from Louisiana courtrooms to the Supreme Court. With my foundation in leadership, unwavering commitment to truth, and heart for service, I am prepared to embrace the challenges of legal education at Loyola. I believe with all my heart that Loyola is the perfect match to equip me to achieve my goals and make a lasting impact for Jesus in a troubled world that is only growing darker.

In closing, my journey is one of faith, service, scholarship, and an unrelenting pursuit of justice. My first choice, by far, is for Loyola to be the next step in that journey—a place where I can hone my skills, amplify my voice (definitely my biggest struggle), and prepare to serve on the highest court in the land. The world may be too small for what I intend to do, but with Loyola’s guidance, I am ready to leverage my diverse experiences and unyielding commitment to justice for the greater good by expanding my horizons, one statement of truth and one act of service at a time. My knowledge is deep. My experience is vast. My scope of practice is broad. My heart is open. My passion is endless. My resolve is steadfast. And, my love for Louisiana and its people is unparalleled. I promise that with Loyola’s guidance, I will work tirelessly to ensure that the world, though small, is made more just for all (beginning with when they are a single cell in their mother’s womb).

And so, with my first act as a true aspiring lawyer, I have thrown this application portfolio together 24-hours before the deadline, am entirely circumventing the traditional law school application system, and will send this off directly to you (Loyola University New Orleans College of Law) to “shoot my shot.” If it

works, I look forward to communicating with you further when you return from summer break next week. If not, I'll reapply properly through the LSAC system for fall 2026 admission. Regardless, as the lyrics from 2 songs on the 2021 *Cinderella* with Camila Cabello say "If you wanna live your life, live it all the way and don't you waste it...You gotta do it. You gotta do it your way. You gotta prove it. You gotta mean what you say."..."If it's a million to one, I'm gonna be that one, and if it's a shot in the dark, I'm gonna be the sun. And I just can't afford to be wrong even when I'm afraid. You're gonna know my name." And now I'm off to do my assignments for my online doctoral program...

**With peace and love,**

**A Sister in Christ**



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