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165, multiple top 20 law school acceptances with over 30k scholarship (Attending: Emory)
Distance Tutoring, Online Student

I was hesitant to work with a tutor a) because of costs and b) because I felt that I just needed to “tough it out.” Add c) the fact that I would have to be tutored online, which made me assume that I would be paying a good chunk of change for someone to spew generic facts I “already knew” at me... I didn’t want to do it and had pretty good reasons not to.

This was the “state” I was in before reaching out to Jonathan: I was always able to review my answers and figure out why my answer was wrong - but I never seemed to *learn* from my mistakes (I would “get it” - but would seem to forget to apply it during my next practice). I couldn’t quite progress past that certain mark, and I was close to just accepting that maybe I can’t quite learn from my mistakes. I was burning out, and needed some additional insight to help me breakthrough to score higher and to score more consistently. Taking that leap to contact Jonathan was the best pre-law decision I had made.

The first class with Jonathan immediately made a difference. There was no “tell me something I don’t know” moment, and it was very clear from his line of questioning, observations, and assessment that he was a very experienced LSAT tutor. He wasn’t just some guy who scored well and did the whole law school thing who is looking for some chump to give him change - he actually knows how to help you make progress on this test. He assessed my performance and approach first, and was able to identify my obstacles and strengths. He knew where I was in my process, and what I needed to discard or do more of. In addition to answering questions and concerns, he was also able to give me actionable next steps (not just stuff like “keep practicing” - but specific steps, for me, that I could actually take - specific approaches or ways of looking at things to keep things clear). It was a critical combination of theory, application, and test taking tactics that I needed specifically to overcome my barriers to score better (because everything else was just too general, or didn’t apply to me).

I was already solid with games, and made the most gains on LR. Jonathan was able to help me “translate” my strengths and reasoning skills in the games section to see LR and CR in the light that I needed to see it (so for those of you who might feel “I wish all three sections were the X section” as I did, I highly recommend you reach out to Jonathan). After practice and following his guidance, taking the LSAT went from trying to find a store in an unfamiliar neighborhood in the dark on foot, to finding that store with a map, glasses, and knowing what landmarks to look for. Jonathan was also able to help me identify which challenges were technical (skill related - things I needed to practice and learn) and which were mental (relating to confidence, nervousness, etc), and steps I needed to take to get over them. He was also able to help me balance my studying so that I wouldn’t burn out and would be at my very best on test day.

Worth every single penny and minute. I recommend him wholeheartedly.