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LSAT Score: 156 -> 170

I have two regrets about using Jon.

- 1) I didn't call him soon enough
- 2) I didn't have enough sessions

I am sincere about both. For some reason, I believed I could do it on my own and that I didn't need more help. It was only after toiling for some months, in denial, and not seeing any improvement in Logical Reasoning (LR) despite massive amounts of input that I finally came to Jon for LR therapy. The results were transformative. I blush at the thought of trying to nickel and dime him at the beginning of our talks; especially seeing as he went the extra mile in my last four weeks and sent me some extremely useful e-mails with tips and pointers even after our time was up. Jon is a true professional.

Jon gave me strategies to succeed, and he also gave me something I was lacking: confidence. We worked mainly on MSS, MBT, NA, and SA type questions. After a week of working on my own, I would show Jon some questions that were twisting my brain, and Jon would make me give my reasoning out loud. He listened patiently, and after each question, he helped iron out certain kinks in my logic. Talking through LSAT questions one on one is really the best way to do it.

I also hated Parallel Method of Reasoning questions because they were a time sink. Jon encouraged me to skip such questions, and then capitalize on the extra time at the end to work on questions that I had a chance of getting right.

This may sound simple, but in some way, having someone who has proven success give you permission to follow a strategy makes a big difference when it comes to putting that strategy into play. Its easy to read about having a 'skipping strategy,' and then not do it in practice because of pride or stupidity. A tutor is someone who can hold you accountable to sticking to the strategies.

If I could do things differently - I would have done at least twenty hours, one hour at a time, twice a week; and I would have started six months before the test. Jon showed me that some LR questions have superficial difficulties. It is one thing for a book, or a webinar to tell you that difficulties are superficial. It is quite another for a tutor to be able to guide you through a question and to allow you to see the superficial difficulty for yourself. After ten hours with Jon and a lot of self-study, I was able to approach NA, SA, MBT, and MSS question types with confidence.