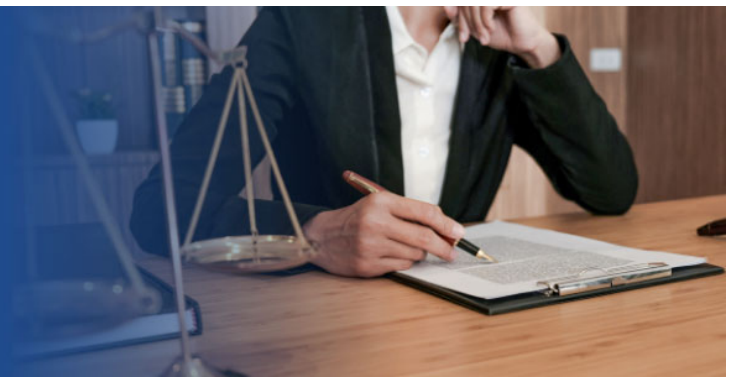


# From Setbacks to Success: My Journey with TLS



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Embarking on the path to study law at TLS with the California Bar Exam as my ultimate goal, I knew the journey wouldn't be easy. However, the reality proved even more demanding and protracted than anticipated. One particularly jarring setback occurred on day one of the First-Year Law Student's Exam when my laptop suffered a fatal crash. Momentarily stunned, I quickly realized I had no alternative but to switch to handwriting – a factor that undoubtedly contributed to my subsequent failure.

Beyond this initial challenge, I navigated numerous other hurdles as a full-time employee juggling demanding work conditions that offered little semblance of work-life balance and frequently required relocation. Nevertheless, I finally conquered the February 2025 California Bar Exam, a triumph largely attributable to TLS. The faculty's unwavering commitment to cultivating a lawyer's mindset and preparing students for the Bar Exam was invaluable. Furthermore, the curriculum's flexible structure and administration effectively accommodated my unique needs as a working student. The supportive staff consistently responded to my inquiries and requests within a day or two, always offering helpful solutions.

I also consider myself fortunate that the elective course in Administrative Law provided me with a deeper understanding of the recent significant shifts in this field. Although my current role isn't in traditional legal practice, it is substantially related to law, meaning my studies at TLS have positively impacted my work performance even before passing the Bar. I now eagerly anticipate fully leveraging the potential I've gained through my journey with TLS in my professional life.



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