

Assignments Already in Week One

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My first week at RumbergerKirk flew by. Leading up to the first week, my eagerness to begin was at an all-time high with over a month in between the end of my school semester and my first day at RumbergerKirk. Combining that with a 4-day week and a schedule full of introductions, trainings, presentations, breakfasts, lunches, and happy hours it is easy to understand why the week passed so quickly. Although I was excited to begin, I was also nervous. The first-day jitters were relieved quickly as I began to meet everyone in the office. My first day in the office was also everyone's first day back from working remotely due to COVID-19. So, the overall atmosphere within the office was happy, positive, and energetic. As I went around introducing myself to everyone, I got the impression that everyone was extremely nice and enthusiastic about having me around for the summer. Because of this, it was not as intimidating as I convinced myself it would be, which eased my nerves.

It is hard to narrow down a highlight of the week when it was full of a diverse range of first-time experiences. This was my first time ever working in an office building this grandiose; first time working full time; first time working in a professional and collaborative environment to this high an extent; first time billing time; the list goes on. Since the first week was all new experiences and material, the many training sessions were necessary. But I was happy when training concluded, and I could begin working on my assignments. I also greatly enjoyed the office welcome breakfast, the summer associate virtual luncheon, the legal writing happy hour presentation, and the lunch at Harpoon Harry's with many of the attorneys. These were all fun ways for me to get to know everyone in the office, and I can confidently say, no matter what happens throughout the next nine weeks I do not think I will be going through it with an empty belly.

If I had to choose one highlight, I would choose the moment I received my first list of assignments. The assignments were sent from attorneys across the office and compiled by my summer associate mentor, Joleen East. Receiving these triggered my excitement as I knew I was about to apply the skills I've developed in law school in a practical manner. No more hypothetical questions or scenarios. This is the real deal. I hope my work is high quality, so I am able to assist the attorneys with whatever issue they assigned to me. However, I am looking forward to receiving constructive critique further developing my skills throughout the summer. I am fortunate to work at RumbergerKirk surrounded by all brilliant and successful attorneys. I recognize this is just the beginning of what will hopefully be a long career for me. To be able to spend ten weeks learning from everyone at RumbergerKirk is an experience I will not take for granted.