

## ***Developing Skills I Will Need to Succeed***

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Last week was the most challenging week so far. Many of my assignment deadlines are approaching, so I was working to prioritize and carve out enough time to handle the different assignments. In law school, I am not used to having different substantive assignments due relatively close in date. It is usually three or four assignments throughout the semester and then finals at the end of the semester. Here, I am learning to balance the different assignments and workshops with close deadlines. It is a crucial skill I definitely need to continue to develop.

Also, I feel as if I am adapting back to an in-person environment. School for the last three semesters has been online and I became acclimated to that. Now, I am working to get back in a normal routine. Me actually being in an office surrounded by people is not what I am talking about. When things went virtual, this meant no more traveling to places such as school or interviews. I was able to simply wake up, open my laptop, and tune in to whatever was taking place. I did not have to worry about packing lunch the night before when I could just move my laptop from my living room to my kitchen and make my food while still being present and engaged in class. In these regards, being virtual was easier. Overall, I do not prefer being virtual—it's just I have become used to that lifestyle. It is taking some time for me to adjust back.

My favorite part of last week was the motion workshop where we argued either for or against a motion to compel arbitration. It was an interesting fact pattern with a closed universe of cases that allowed for creative arguing on both sides. This was a fun interactive activity that allowed us to showcase our skills and receive helpful feedback. For my motion, partner Allan Rotlewicz acted as judge and then gave us feedback. The opportunity to do things like this and receive advice from esteemed lawyers is what has made the summer with RumbergerKirk special so far.

Looking forward to week 4. I even get to spend some time with the Orlando Summer Associates at the end of the week when they come to the Tampa office.