

## ***Nerve-wracking, But the Most Fun So Far***

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Week four has been my favorite week so far. The week was full of fun moments. I was able to sit in on two motion hearings—one telephonic and the other over zoom. Our motion practice workshop was last week, so seeing what we learned actually play out was a good way to bring the lessons full circle. Both Meredith Fee and Rebecca Arends were professional, prepared, and convincing in each of their respective hearings. Each hearing resulted in a ruling in their favor, a testament to their hard work and advocacy skills.

In week four, I also completed a big assignment that I had worked on for a few days. The assignment was to draft a *Daubert* motion to exclude Plaintiff's expert witness. To complete this assignment, I had to read the full deposition of the expert witness. Doing this not only helped me draft the motion, but also gave me a glimpse of what a deposition is like. We already completed our deposition workshop, so reading the deposition transcript served as a good example of what to expect. After reading the deposition, I thoroughly researched the law and put them both together to write the motion. I just learned about the *Daubert* standard in my evidence class, which I took Spring 2021. It was cool to see how our law school classes transfer to practice. I have two more *Daubert* motions to complete in the near future. So, I am going to take my feedback from this assignment and work to improve my next two *Daubert* motions.

Finally, we completed our closing argument workshop. On Friday, the Summer Associates from Orlando visited the Tampa office where we presented closing arguments in front of several attorneys. This was definitely the most nerve-wracking workshop so far, but also the most fun. I think I let my nerves get the best of me, but the best way to learn anything is to practice. Moving forward, I will take the abundance of feedback that I received and incorporate it in my future closing arguments—especially for the mock trial in August.

After the closing arguments, we went to the Colombia Restaurant in Ybor City. Here we enjoyed tasty sangria, delicious food, and good company. It was a great ending to the fun week.