

Definitely Getting into the Groove

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This week went by in what felt like a blink of an eye! I really started to get into the groove of things and was given a variety of assignments. I particularly enjoyed working on education and employment law projects. This week, I get to draft my first answer in a *pro se* prisoner case, which I'm excited about.

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My mentor, Kayla Platt-Rady, and I got to spend more time together and I've really enjoyed getting to know her. She has given me great advice and has assigned me some really interesting projects. Even though I'm very new at everything here, Kayla always makes me feel confident in my abilities to complete my assignments. Additionally, she helped me prepare for the mock deposition. I was initially really nervous, but after working with Kayla and having her review my outline, I felt confident going into the deposition. After it was over, Kayla and I debriefed my performance and she gave me some very helpful feedback. Overall, I was so proud of myself and felt I did well considering it was my first ever deposition.

Moreover, this week went well because I felt that although I was being assigned numerous tasks, I was also learning how to balance my time and prioritize the more time-sensitive projects. This felt like a huge progression from the first week, when I felt pretty overwhelmed as I began adjusting to my new job.

This week was also great because I started to get to know everyone in the office on a more personal level. It may sound cheesy, but the Tallahassee office truly feels like home, even though it's only the second week. Everyone has gone out of their way to make me feel included, and I'm so grateful to work with such an amazing group. I'm looking forward to continue learning from them as we move through the summer.