

This is Definitely the Summer I Hoped For

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Life comes at you fast, and so do summer associate assignments! We have now completed our second incredible week here at RumbergerKirk and our scheduled orientation programs have been all but replaced by legal assignments and seminar workshops. Each assignment carries with it a sense of excitement. It is an incredible feeling to be working on real matters for real clients. One of the most important qualities to me about working in a law office was the ability to gain exposure to a plethora of legal work, legal work that is diverse in nature. The reason being, that I am still not quite set on what kind of law I would like to practice. This summer at RumbergerKirk has, even in the first two weeks, met that objective by providing me with an assortment of cases that will hopefully guide me towards the area of law I feel most passionately about.

But, the excitement does not stop there as I just had the opportunity to observe my very first deposition since beginning my law career. And yes, it was just as cool as I had imagined. Prior to the deposition, we took part in a seminar detailing the process of a deposition, some tips and tricks to keep in mind while taking one, and their overall purpose in the realm of litigation. It was important to pay attention, especially because we were scheduled to depose a partner later in the week. Talk about frightening. Between researching the issue and practicing deposing myself in a mirror at home, I finally believed I was prepared. Now, with what felt like weeks of waiting, it was my turn to take a deposition. As soon as I opened my mouth, everything just seemed to click! Where once the thought of concerns took refuge, logical sentences and heightened inquiry cleared them out. And just like that, I had completed my very first deposition, and with it, I have taken a giant step in my law career.

Thursday arrived, and in lieu of offices and the familiar drive back to the building, we were excited to make our way to Top Golf for an associate mixer. From errant shots to hilarious whiffs, we had an incredible time getting to know one another outside of the office. And if that was not enough, the food made it just that much better. I learned so much about the firm's close knit culture and even more about the individuals whom comprise it.

I recently took notice of a quote by Zig Ziglar while working online. He said, "[y]ou don't build a business, you build people, then people build the business." And that is exactly what RumbergerKirk has done. They invest so much time, care, and knowledge into the people that work here, and in the end, that refinement can be seen in the work product and advocacy that the law firm puts forward.