

## ***This is Definitely the Summer I Hoped For***

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And just like that, we have finished our third week here at RumbergerKirk! Time is flying and I could not enjoy the experience any more.

I was excited to be able to attend my first hearing this week. As the hearing was held on Zoom, it was interesting to see first-hand the intersection between the legal system and technology. It is such a great opportunity to get experience with the processes now as I believe the new procedures and methods are here to stay!

Whereas, I was just a passive viewer for the hearing, I was an active participant for our motion practice workshop. This required all the summer associates to present a motion to a partner just like you would to a judge. But believe me...it was just as intimidating. However, we received great feedback that will definitely help us become much better advocates throughout our legal careers.

I also had the distinct pleasure of attending lunch with Bud Kirk, one of the founders of RumbergerKirk. It was quite an experience as he gave us great advice, told us stories from his days as a top trial litigator, and even took the time to get to know us on personal level. I could not be more appreciative of the lessons that he was able to pass on and the advice that will help shape our legal careers moving forward. But of course, the food was incredible as well!

Although everyone here is busy and working hard, they do not hesitate to reach out, throw advice your way, or even include you in events and hearings where you can acquire real-life experience. I am learning more and more everyday here at RumbergerKirk and am definitely looking forward to the next several weeks.