

Closing Statements for a Real Case

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On this week's blog post: closing statements, great food, and exciting social events!

It all began with the most loathed and frightening day of them all. You guessed it, Monday. However, believe it or not, this Monday was not like the rest. After a full day's work, the summer associates all took part in a virtual escape room. From solving enigmatic puzzles to fighting off a band of looters, we conquered each and every task on our journey throughout the Wild West. This event was such a great experience and allowed us more time to connect with each other, of course while laughing and shouting the entire time.

Thursday brought even more long awaited social events. We had the distinct opportunity to attend the Orange County Bar Association 2021 Young Lawyers & Law Clerks Reception at The Wellborn. We had the chance to meet numerous judges, each giving us plenty of advice and words of encouragement. Additionally, we were able to meet so many other young associates and law clerks, most of whom will hopefully be the future lawyers we will work with throughout our legal careers.

Last but not least, we traveled to the Tampa office Friday to give closing arguments in front of the attorneys. We had the opportunity to base our closings off a real, ongoing case. Their [Tampa office] case to be exact. Yes, I know, even more pressure. However, after we finished, they gave us helpful advice that I will carry with me for the rest of my professional career. After the rollercoaster of emotions, we all worked up quite the appetite and ate at the Columbia Restaurant. It had such a unique and exquisite atmosphere that was only paralleled by their amazing and colorful entrees.

Overall, I am continuing to learn new things every day and am becoming more and more educated on the inner workings of the litigation process. I cannot wait to see what is in store for next week!