

## ***Variety is the Spice of Life***

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This was the best week yet, especially because I got a lot of really practical experience. The summer associates got to do a deposition index for a really interesting case. It was a good learning experience to go through the transcript and turn it into something more easily usable for the attorneys.

I also got to watch a different deposition this week, so I got to see a lot of what goes into the whole process. For this deposition, I was tasked with writing the client update. It feels good to be working on assignments that are used and relied on by others. All of this, plus the deposition workshop from a few weeks back has really opened my eyes to how depositions work in practice that I would have never learned just reading about them in a textbook.

The main event from this week was the closing statement seminar. We had a workshop going over the components of a closing statement, then they gave us a problem based on a real case to use for the closing. This was a very involved process, there were detailed facts, exhibits, and expert testimonies to sort through. I am not on trial team and I have never done a closing statement, so there was definitely a steep learning curve for me.

The Orlando summer associates all went out to the Tampa office to do our closings. It was so nice to meet all of the great attorneys there as well as the Tampa summer associate, Adam Poe. I am grateful we are able to travel again.

The actual closing was pretty nerve-wracking. I don't usually feel nervous doing public speaking, but this was a lot different than the type of public speaking I'm used to doing. I also got to go first. It went okay, and I got a lot of useful feedback. I'm not sure how I ever would have learned this stuff if I was not a summer associate at Rumberger.

On top of all this, I still had so many different research assignments to work on. I have gotten exposure to so many different areas of law since I have been here. This week, I had assignments in tax law, landlord-tenant disputes, and insurance. I did a lot of research for a motion I am working on in a personal injury case, too. Variety is the spice of life. Getting all this different experience is definitely helping the time fly by.

Now that we're a month in, I can't believe how much I've learned in such a short amount of time. Can't wait for what comes next!