

Learning to Work Quicker and Smarter

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Week five is behind us, and we are now officially in the second half of our summer program. It is crazy how fast my time at RumbergerKirk is moving. Feels like just last week I was coming into the office for day one. I believe being so busy is what makes the time fly. The personal benefit of writing these blogs posts is being able to reflect on what I've done the prior week, so nothing is forgotten. Then I can compare each week with the others and track my progress throughout summer. In only five weeks, I feel like I have learned and progressed immensely. I am learning what it is like to be a trial attorney. Learning the nuances that come with each phase of litigation. It is basically a behind the scenes look at the work that goes into each case that I was completely blind to before starting here. I am learning new areas of the law as well.

Many of my assignments have been focused on Florida's Discovery Rules, which were barely touched upon in school. More generally though, I am learning how to work in a fast-paced professional environment. What I noticed most, is I am learning to work quicker. This has helped with being able to complete my assignments on time as I have more and more due each week. Last week was my most productive yet in terms of the number of assignments I completed. In the four weeks before last, I completed eight assignments. Last week alone I completed five. This is probably the hardest I've ever worked in any job or any point during my schooling. Yet, the sense of accomplishment that comes with working as a summer associate is also unlike any I have ever felt from other jobs or school assignments. Overall, if I had to describe the first five weeks in three words, I would describe it as: eye-opening, demanding and rewarding. I am excited to see what weeks 6-10 bring. I am especially looking forward to the writing competition coming up in week 6.