

Pressure Makes Diamonds

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It is hard to believe I am writing this with only two weeks left of my summer with RumbergerKirk. It is also very scary knowing I am writing this with only one week until the mock trial competition. Most of my time in week eight was spent preparing for the competition. And although I spent a majority of my time preparing for the trial, we still have a long way to go. It's hard to prepare two sides of a trial in only two weeks, but we will work hard to get it done. I am hoping everything comes together the day before or the day of the trial. We will not waste a minute in terms of preparation. There is a lot of pressure to do well, but pressure makes diamonds. The way Harris and I are preparing for this makes me confident we will put on a pretty good trial.

Last week I also drafted a motion for summary judgment. This was my first time completing a full motion for summary judgment, but I used all the advice I received regarding my previous assignments and tried to incorporate it into this assignment. Personally, over the last eight weeks, I have seen tremendous improvement in my writing skills. I have also seen great improvement in my research skills. I am finding cases on point much quicker than I was at the beginning of the summer. A huge part of being a summer associate is really crafting these important practical skills. And I believe the improvements I have seen so far are a reflection of the time and effort everyone at RumbergerKirk has invested in me. I am excited for everything in store during my last two weeks—I know the time will fly by.