

Attorney Lunch Presentation & Mock Trial Prompt

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This past week I gave my presentation during the Miami Office Attorney Luncheon. This meant I was tasked with choosing a new case or relevant topic to discuss with the attorneys. For my presentation, I chose to review what kind of conduct constitutes waiver of right to arbitration. I researched a wide variety of cases in Florida where the court ruled that a defendant or plaintiff waived their right. Luckily, I had done some research on this subject in the past for an extensive memorandum I had written for a partner, so it did not take away too much time from my usual work. I put everything together in a PowerPoint presentation and talked for about ten minutes. I enjoyed the process and it seemed to go really well!

We also got our mock trial prompts and assignment of partners. I am paired up with Summer Associate Joe Tracy. He has extensive experience in moot court, and has taken evidence and trial advocacy so I'm feeling really good about taking home the trophy this year. Our case problem is quite interesting as well. The plaintiff is the parent of a student who passed away after suffering severe trauma at the defendant fraternity's party. The plaintiff is suing the defendant for allowing the student into a party with alcohol knowing that she was under 21 and for encouraging her to jump off a lifeguard tower leading to her untimely death. The defense rejects having done either of those acts through their agents or officers, and the facts do not make everything so straightforward and clear. It will be interesting to see how teams handle this issue in our mock trials!