

Loving the Variety of Work & Family Atmosphere

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As the summer continues, it seems that every week goes by even faster than the last. It's probably because things are getting busier and busier! After turning in our writing competition motion this week, we finally can begin preparing for the mock trial. On Friday we received the mock trial prompt and found out who will be our partner. I'm excited to work with Meghan Kennedy in the Orlando office, and look forward to the actual competition at the Orlando office in just a few short weeks. I truly cannot believe how quickly the end of the summer has approached. Side note – in my selfie this week I included my favorite Liti-Gator water bottle in honor of the mock trial. Although I go to FSU Law, I am, and always will be, a Florida Gator at heart!

What I love about working at RumbergerKirk is the variety of work we receive as summer associates. My days are always filled with researching, discussing, or writing about, very different legal issues. One morning I may be working on a very specific education law question, and by the afternoon, I could be working on an issue involving direct disposal licensing at funeral homes (yes, this actually happened!). This week was no different. I did research for my mentor Kayla Platt Rady regarding worker's compensation retaliation. I actually asked to help write a motion for summary judgement because I became really interested in the issues surrounding this area of the law. I'm excited to get started on that after I turn in my *Daubert* motion for the writing competition.

On a non-work related note, this week at the office was so much fun! We celebrated seven July birthdays by eating cupcakes and pizza together on Friday. Whenever we have gatherings at the office in the large conference room, I always feel like I am with family rather than co-workers, which I really enjoy. I ended the week on Zoom with the other summer associates while we participated in a chocolate-making class from our kitchens at home. Although I was worried the whole experience was going to be sort of awkward, it was actually really fun and pretty funny too. Oh, and the chocolate tasted amazing! I'm looking forward to eating the treats we all made throughout this week.