

They Don't Teach Everything in Law School

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And just like that...week six has come to a close. It is hard to imagine that we are more than halfway done with the summer associate program. Although the days are flying right past me, the knowledge I have learned along the way will stick with me for the rest of my legal career.

We began this week with a seminar regarding legal writing from partner Steven Klein; ultimately, like the other seminars, this workshop concluded in the associates being assigned a project: the opportunity to write a sample motion to exclude expert testimony. But unlike most other projects, this assignment was to be a competition between the other summer associates. We were given two weeks to research, plan, and write a motion that would be submitted to a panel of partners to review and grade. Yes, of course this is an exciting opportunity. No, I have never written a motion before. But just like everything in life, there must always be a first time for something, and I will make sure to knock it out of the park, rather the courtroom I suppose.

I do really enjoy tackling assignments and learning new areas of the law. However, the ability to witness the attorneys in action, whether it be mediations, arbitrations, or hearings, reaffirms my fascination with the field of law. And what better place to bear witness, then at a firm with some the best trial lawyers in the country. This past week I have gotten the chance to witness all of the above! Do I still want to be a trial attorney? Of Course!

Law school teaches you how to write. Law school teaches you how to analyze. Law school teaches you how to research. But at the end of the day, the experience that I have accumulated at RumbergerKirk is matched second to none. When you are able to work on real cases, with real attorneys, you are able to learn the ins and outs of the legal process that no textbook can teach you. I am looking forward to taking what I have learned this summer and apply it to the next year of my law school education and legal career as a whole.