

Having a lot of Fun Preparing for the Mock Trial

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Preparing for the mock trial this last week has been a lot of fun. Mock trial is very new for me. I participate in moot court at school, but arguing about the law before a judge is very different from arguing about the facts before a jury. Fortunately, my partner Adam Poe and I were lucky enough to receive coaching from Associate Robert Barton and Partner Scott Sarason last week. Scott, in particular, has a ton of trial experience, and it was a treat to watch him turn the record into a persuasive story we can tell our “jury.”

Outside of practice, Adam and I have been working hard to prepare our openings and closings, direct- and cross-examinations, and evidentiary objections and responses. I hope it pays off next Monday at the competition.

In addition to preparing for the mock trial last week, we also submitted our motions in limine for the summer associate writing competition. It was tough juggling the mock trial, the writing competition, and my normal assignment load. But I feel good about my motion—fingers crossed!

Finally, the Miami office hosted a second happy hour last Thursday. Both happy hours have proved to be great chances to learn about my co-workers in greater depth. For example, last week I learned that Partner Steve Smith has performed more than 1,000 annulment procedures for his Church—who would have guessed that?

With that, another great week is in the books!