

This Week Definitely Challenged Me

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This week, the Orlando summer associates got to walk over to the federal courthouse and listen to a presentation on federal practice from a federal magistrate judge. The judge had incredible insight about the dos and don'ts of working a case in federal court. I don't know how I would have learned this type of really important practical knowledge without the summer associate program.

I also got to work on several new research projects this week. My legal research skills have improved a lot in the last month or so. I have enjoyed getting to look into so many different areas of law. This week, I worked on a case implicating the civil conversion statute and another case about choice of law provisions in contracts. There is so much out there that you barely hear about in law school that you get working here.

The Orlando summers also got to watch an in person mediation this week. It was a great experience to get to be in the room where the attorney and the client plotted their mediation strategy and to see up close how the mediator operated. I didn't realize how common these forms of alternative dispute resolution were and how important they are until recently.

The main summer associate activity for the week was preparing for a direct examination. We were given a lot of materials to sort through and had to come up with our own questions for an eyewitness to an accident from the perspective of defense counsel. This activity really challenged me to think about how the facts work together and how to phrase questions to get the desired answer.

Can't wait for another great week!