

## Writing, Researching and Prepping for the Mock Trial

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The summer associates finished up our writing competition entries this week. I really enjoyed thinking about how to structure the *Daubert* motion and apply the facts from our problem to the legal standard. After we submitted them, we got to look at the real motion that was filed. Mine definitely has a lot of room for improvement. I'm looking forward to getting all the feedback. This experience has helped me become a better legal writer.

Mock trial prep has been in full swing this week. My partner is Andres Chinchilla down in Miami. I have loved collaborating with him and bouncing ideas off each other. I really appreciate all the helpful feedback I've gotten from our coaches thus far. Planning for both plaintiff and defendant is a little stressful but it really makes you think about every aspect of the case.

On top of all the mock trial prep, I have still been working on research assignments. I researched two different cases where a tenant breached their lease with a landlord. One issue was about commercial tenants who withheld rent because of pandemic restrictions. The other issue addressed how much accelerated rent a landlord can collect from a breaching tenant. Both issues helped to expand my knowledge base of landlord-tenant law, which I was pretty unfamiliar with before.

Additionally, I wrote a motion to compel discovery this week. It was great to get that kind of practical experience and feedback. Being a summer associate with Rumberger has given me a lot of hands-on experience working on cases that I will take with me going forward.

Finally, it is my turn to do the case presentation next week. During case presentation, we are responsible for presenting new cases that have implications for the firm's practice areas during an attorney luncheon. I did a lot of digging to find some good cases and have been working on slides and my presentation skills. I'm excited and nervous for the opportunity!

Looking forward to the next week, which will be heavy on mock trial prep. Somehow, there's only two weeks left of the summer associate program. It feels like I just got here.