

## ***Week One- Training, First Assignments and Mingling with Judges***

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My first week at RumbergerKirk was a whirlwind of information and meeting new people, but I couldn't have been more excited. We started off our first day with a welcome breakfast where we got to meet all the incredible attorneys that work at the RumbergerKirk Orlando office. Then, all of the summer associates had training for the first two days, which was not the most exciting activity in the world. However, as soon as our training was done, I received my first assignment and I was thrilled to begin tackling it. Working closely with the attorneys at RumbergerKirk on real cases has been extremely informative and rewarding. However, being a summer associate with RumbergerKirk has not just consisted of working on assignments and attending informational seminars. We have been taken to lunch, had happy hours, and even got to attend a bar association event where we rubbed shoulders with attorneys and judges.

My highlight of the week was definitely the Paul C. Perkins Bar Association event. Being able to talk to and get to know multiple judges in the area, hear their thoughts on our legal system, and receive career advice was incredible. RK attorneys LaShawnda Jackson and Samendio Mathieu accompanied us to the event and did a wonderful job introducing us to attorneys and judges alike as well as facilitating conversation whenever possible. After the event, one of the judges in attendance even gave all of the summer associates her personal phone number! The event ended with music and dancing. I never knew being an attorney could be so fun.

In just two days, I have received multiple different assignments, one of which is writing a memo summarizing and analyzing a contract. RumbergerKirk mainly does litigation work, but I had expressed an interest in doing some transactional work and my request was immediately answered. This just goes to show that the attorneys at here do whatever they can to teach you how to be a great attorney and allow you to pursue the areas of law in which you are interested. There is no telling what kind of new and exciting work I will be assigned as the summer progresses. I can't wait to see what the rest of the summer will entail and what knowledge I will surely gain at this wonderful firm. Now on to week two!