

## ***Week One–Floating on Cloud 9, but Ready to Work***

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I just finished training and got settled into my new office (which I LOVE)! I honestly can't believe I have this whole space to myself. I never thought I'd have an office this nice at this point in my life.

I'm not going to lie, the training we just went through was a lot of information at once. But honestly, it wasn't as bad as I thought it was going to be—I think I'm still too excited to be getting started! I know it won't be easy (I'm already really nervous to get feedback on my first assignment), but one thing that has calmed my nerves is how everyone keeps saying it's alright to ask questions and that it's better to ask questions than to make a mistake and have to do something all over again. I think as long as I know that people really mean that, then there's nothing I can't handle this summer. I'm still in shock how I keep hearing over and over that people have an open door policy and that they look forward to us stopping by their offices. It feels cheesy to say all this, but everyone is so genuine that it really is making all the nerves fade away.

With all of the information we got over the past couple of days of everything we have to look forward to this summer, I can't wait to get started. I know most summer associates don't get all that much what I'll call "seasoned experience," like learning how to take a deposition or handle a mediation, but we get to do all that and more. The thing I am most looking forward to is the mock trial at the end of the summer. I'm sure once I actually start preparing for it, I'll probably feel more nervous than anything, but in the meantime, I'll just focus on the fact that it seems exciting.

It's so cool to be downtown in a building that I used to admire as part of the skyline I drove by thousands of times growing up. The view really is great from up here. Now that I have my first assignment, I guess we'll see if I'm singing the same tune by the end of the week. However, based on how things have gone so far I have really high hopes for the rest of the summer.