

Week Two- Digging into Assignments and Depositions

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Week two has been a whirlwind of assignments and training. I worked a lot of hours and spent a lot of time on Westlaw, but this past week has done nothing but get me excited and ready to go for the rest of the summer. I am finally finding my way around the office and settling in. Who knew knowing how to print documents would be such an essential skill? This past week, I spent the majority of my time working on the research projects I had been given and doing a deep dive into a variety of areas of law.

Additionally, this past week, the summer associates attended a seminar on depositions that was followed two days later by a workshop where we each got to perform a mock deposition. Learning practical lawyering skills from some of the people who do it best was a privilege and incredibly informative. I was nervous prior to the deposition workshop where I got to conduct a deposition of my own, but all of the attorneys present at the workshop were very nice and more than happy to give constructive feedback. Once the first summer associate conducted his deposition and I saw how kind and helpful the feedback he received was, my nerves dissipated and all that was left was excitement.

Besides the deposition workshop, my highlight of this past week was getting lunch with my mentor, associate Mike Tessitore. We went to a great restaurant and discussed a number of topics. Mike gave me great advice about my career, how to maintain a healthy work life balance, and ways to find a practice area that I want to pursue. Having a mentor to go to with questions and issues that have popped up has been my absolute favorite part of RumberKirk's summer associate program thus far.

While week 2 was spent mainly working on assignments, week 3 is going to be filled with shadowing different attorneys at depositions, board meetings, and mediations, and learning more practical skills that will surely aid me throughout my legal career. I can't wait.