

Week Three-Motion Practice

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This week we focused on learning about motion practice. On Thursday, we attended a seminar that taught us how to argue a motion at a hearing. After the seminar ended, we were given a handful of materials for a workshop that is going to take place on Tuesday. Included in the materials is a fact pattern about an employee (the Plaintiff) who is filing a negligence suit against his employer (the Defendant). In addition to the fact pattern, we were given a limited universe of case law to support our arguments. After the seminar on Thursday, each summer associate was assigned to represent one of the two clients. I was selected to represent the Defendant. On Tuesday, we will argue either for or against a motion to compel arbitration against another summer associate. After reviewing the case law and preparing my argument with Jordan, I feel prepared to argue why the Court should grant my client's motion to compel arbitration. There is nothing better than a little in-house competition between the summer associates!

Outside of preparing for my motion workshop on Tuesday, I worked on a mediation statement. I found this assignment interesting because, up until now, I never realized how big of a role mediation plays in civil litigation. This is something that law school completely left out. My mediation statement is finally starting to come together and I cannot wait to see my hard work pay off when it is used in the upcoming mediation.