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Week Three-Summer Associate Uses Firm Library!

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BREAKING NEWS: Summer Associate Actually Uses Firm Library! I know this may come as a shock, but the library is actually a very good place for research. This week I finally met my match with a research assignment that I was running in circles with online. A visit to the library proved to be the right call. Sometimes there is just so much online that when you do a search there is just too much to sort through. Having hard copies of research materials was actually very nice for this particular assignment. Lo and behold, the books I pulled from the shelves pointed me in just the right direction and I was able to get the answer I was seeking.

When we started week one and got a tour of the office I did wonder to myself, 'will I get a chance to use the library this summer?' It turns out I sure did. Law school focuses on teaching you how to use the online sources, but the firm librarian in the Orlando office, Teri Lamb, was very helpful in pointing out just the materials I needed. What a great resource!

In other news, week three was filled with exciting events. Dan Gerber invited the summer associates out to the Orlando International Airport for a Greater Orlando Aviation Authority (GOAA) Board Meeting, and after taking corporations my 2L fall semester it was so cool to actually see a board meeting in person. I have been to the Orlando Airport many times, whether it be to pick up or drop off someone as a favor, or to fly myself—but I have never been behind the scenes to see the GOAA offices! Although there is plenty to be done around here at the firm, I'll never get tired of these one of a kind experiences that take us beyond the office.

In addition to that, we had a wonderful seminar on how to argue a motion hearing in front of a judge. Partners Dan Gerber and Sam Duke to give us an incredible explanation of how to outline our arguments, what to keep in mind when preparing, and how to actually conduct ourselves in the courtroom. A special thanks to them, because they had some incredible experience that they shared with us. All of this is really getting me excited for the day I actually step foot as an attorney in the court room.

I can't wait to see what next week has in store for us. Until next time!