

Week Four- Events, Assignments and Workshops

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Week four was my busiest week thus far. It was filled with new assignments, two fun events, and two workshops. I am still shocked I was able to get it all done.

First, I worked on and completed a new research assignment from partner Damien Orato. For this assignment, I took a deep dive into two new topics— the admissibility of prior convictions and potential juror striking. Being able to gain in-depth knowledge about different areas of the law has been very rewarding and one of my favorite parts of working at RumbergerKirk.

Next, the Orlando summer associates participated in two events this past week. We went to dinner for the Seminole Inn of Court and lunch with a few attorneys in the office. The dinner for the took place at the Heathrow Country Club and was pretty swanky to say the least. We talked to multiple local judges and attorneys and get to know RK attorneys Lan Kennedy-Davis and Brad Davis even better than we had before. The food was delicious and we enjoyed some live entertainment with everyone in attendance playing legal jeopardy. Our team didn't win, but I think we had the most fun. The following day, the summer associates had lunch with multiple Orlando attorneys. These lunches are always a good time and a great source of information for us soon to be lawyers.

Finally, the summer associates from all the offices participated in Motion Practice Workshop and an Opening and Closing Workshop. The Motion Workshop took place on Tuesday. Getting to argue a motion and receive feedback was a great experience and I learned a ton. On Thursday, we all traveled to Tampa to participate in the Opening and Closing Workshop on Friday morning. This workshop was by far the most nerve racking workshop we have done. I was the first to give my opening on Friday morning, and boy was I nervous. However, I believe the workshop went well and the feedback I received was detailed and very informative. Additionally, watching the other summer associates give their openings and closings helped me realize where I needed improvement and gave me examples of how I could improve. After the workshop, we were treated to lunch at the Colombia Restaurant. The food and sangria were great, but the company was even better.