

Week Four-Motion Practice and Opening Statement/Closing Argument Workshops

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This week was filled with workshops. On Tuesday, we had a motion workshop where we conducted a mock hearing. It was very exciting to receive some experience arguing our client's position before two of the firm's attorneys. I had the benefit (I drew the short straw) of going twice during this workshop so I was able to apply the constructive criticism I received from the first time, and also allowed me to target my weaknesses.

On Friday, we had a our opening statement and closing argument workshop. Closing arguments are somewhat familiar to me as I am a member of FIU Law's Trial Team, however, the workshop was still nerve-wracking. I was surprised to see all of the different styles my fellow summer associates had when they gave their closing arguments. Between observing these different styles and receiving feedback from the attorneys in the Tampa office, I learned a lot. To celebrate our hard work on this workshop, the Tampa attorneys took us to the Columbia Restaurant for lunch and sangria.