

Week Five-Shuffleboard Anyone? Seriously, I learned a lot this Week

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Another great week has come and gone. This week, I attended an associate attorney social, observed and helped prepare for a hearing, participated in the direct/cross examination workshop, and received the writing competition assignment—and that’s just to name a few highlights!

I caught up with the associates in the Tampa office for a few rounds of shuffleboard after work. We had a great time learning to play the game, getting competitive, and getting to know each other outside of work. I love hearing about everyone’s career paths and what they do when they aren’t practicing law.

Another exciting part of the week included observing a hearing on a Motion for Summary Judgment. I assisted with the research for an issue in the case so I was eager to hear the attorneys argue their position and hear the judge’s questions. I was impressed with how partner Carie Hall navigated a Zoom hearing. Her visual presentation ensured her arguments were effectively communicated to the judge.

The other summer associates and I also participated in a direct and cross examination workshop, which was a ton of fun. There is so much we have to learn about direct and cross, so this was just a great opportunity to get our feet wet and start to develop our personal styles. Finally, our writing competition problem was released. This will make for a very busy few weeks, but it will give us all some tangible feedback on our legal writing.