

Week Five- Talking Legal Writing and Research Techniques & the Importance of Pro Bono Work with Dade Legal Aid

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During week five, I spent the majority of my time working on an appellate reply brief with partner Michael Holt. The reply brief had a quick turnaround time, and therefore, it was all hands on deck. Because this was my first time working on a reply brief, there was a lot of room to grow during the experience. The part of the assignment that I found most educating was when I would discuss legal writing and research techniques with Michael.

While I was not working on the reply brief, I attended the Dade Legal Aid "Getting a Head Start on Pro Bono" event. During the event, I was able to listen to Eleventh Circuit Chief Judge Nushin G. Sayfie, Judge Zachary James, and Senior Judge Paul Huck discuss the importance of pro bono work. Additionally, we were given tips on how to get involved with pro bono work early in our legal career. I found this event fascinating as I would like to give back to the Miami-Dade community, however, I was never sure how I could do so. Thanks to the judges and Karen Ladis, Executive Director, I now have a better understanding on what I need to do.