

Week Five –How hard is it to ask a Few Questions? Apparently, Much Harder than I thought!

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This week felt like a reminder of just how fast our summer is going by. We had our last seminar and workshop of the summer this week on direct and cross examination, led by partner Scott Sarason. After learning so much at our Deposition Seminar and Workshop, I thought that direct and cross examination would be the easiest skill to master because after all, it's just asking questions, right? As I've consistently been shown throughout my experience this summer, these skills are in fact, much more complex and challenging than just asking a few questions.

Scott explained the ways in which direct and cross examination are different and in fact, that there are completely different strategies between the two. I learned that the questioning style used on direct examination is very different than the style used for cross. The workshop was very helpful because Scott walked us through each of our lines of questioning and described what he would have done differently. I actually think this may have been our most challenging workshop yet, but also likely the workshop where I learned the most.

Besides our last seminar and workshop, I spent most of the week working on a variety of assignments. I've had a very diverse set of assignments and projects for the last few weeks, so it's been interesting working on them and transitioning between them into different areas of law and different types of writing.

In addition to my regular assignments for the coming week, I also anticipate that I'll start working on my Daubert motion for the writing competition. I have not written a Daubert motion before, although I have written a few other types of motions in prior weeks, so I am hoping that those experiences provide me with at least a starting point as to how I want to structure my motion and what kind of information/arguments I should include.