

Week Five – Drafting Motions, Practicing Direct & Cross Examination & Learning about Giving Back

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Week five is in the books, and I can say it was just as eventful as the rest. This week, the summer associates had the privilege of attending a direct and cross examination seminar hosted by the legendary Scott Sarason, a partner in the Miami office. Scott hosted an hour long seminar explaining the ins and outs of cross and direct and then let us do our own crosses and directs in a simulation type setting a few days later. We were given depositions, videos, and pictures of an incident and we each had to think outside of the box to curate questions that allowed us to showcase our theories of the case to the hypothetical jury. It was a great experience and Scott gave us all plenty of feedback.

On an individual note, I was able to draft a motion to show cause and propound written discovery. Both tasks were super beneficial because I hadn't really been exposed to those kinds of assignments in law school. Getting that kind of experience, especially since discovery and motions play a huge role in litigation, is extremely important to me.

Lastly, Evan and I attended a Dade Legal Aid Put Something Back event. It was a great event about the importance of pro bono work. It was motivating and informative regarding how one can get involved with pro bono in the Miami area.