

Week Seven-Motions, Meetings and a BBQ

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Week seven was a doozy, that's for sure. I had an extremely busy week with work, meetings, events, and even a firm barbeque. I was swamped with work, but happily so. This week I spent the majority of my time drafting motions for summary judgment, continuing to contribute to the document review team, working on an interesting research assignment from partner Samantha Duke, and writing my *Daubert* motion. While it has been stressful balancing these assignments, I have learned so much. Being able to work on my writing skills by drafting different motions and continuing to substantially contribute to the document review team has been very rewarding. Additionally, I prepared a research memo for partner Sally Culley that helped her draft a motion for extension of discovery—and the motion passed! Reading the final motion that I had helped contribute to was exhilarating and the motion being successful made it all the better.

Also, this week we had several meetings including a very interesting business development and marketing meeting headed by Marisa Eubanks and Chase Hattaway, a check-in meeting for the document review team, an attorney luncheon where summer associate Mary Hudson performed a case presentation, and, finally, a meeting where the mock trial problem and our partners for the trial were released! My partner for the mock trial is associate Samendio Mathieu and I couldn't be more excited. Samendio is a great person and an even better attorney and I am looking forward to working with him closely to hopefully win our trial!

On Thursday, the summer associates and a few other attorneys from the Orlando office attended the OCBA YLS Lawyers & Law Clerks Reception. The reception was really fun and I got to see some old friends and make new ones as well. Everything I have mentioned so far has been great, but the highlight of the week was definitely the firm BBQ hosted by partner Steve Klein. The food was excellent and the company was even better. I am greatly looking forward to week eight and finishing out this summer strong!