

## ***Week Eight – Getting Familiar with the Thirteenth Circuit***

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My highlight of this week was touring the courthouse for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit with Judge Palermo. Since the Judge is a Florida State Law alumni, he very graciously invited all the FSU Law students in the area to come spend the morning with him at the courthouse. I learned A LOT. He walked us through courtroom etiquette, and why an attorney should never refer to the lectern as a podium. Small practical tips like this are things we usually have to learn the hard way, so I will take all the advice I can get from a sitting judge!

Back at the office, I started to prepare for the mock trial which is only one week away. My partner, Hannah Klonowski, and I are hard at work reviewing the case and developing our arguments. We won't know which side we are arguing until 24 hours before the trial, so we need to develop a keen awareness of the facts and the relevant law.

I filled any gaps in my schedule by attending a mediation, working on research assignments, and completing writing assignments. Since we only have two weeks left, I am starting to plan for having all my assignments wrapped up soon.