

Week Eight –Mock Trial Preparation is Underway!

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This week marked the end of the Summer Associate Writing Competition and the beginning of the Mock Trial. I turned in my Daubert motion on Monday afternoon, and quickly had to turn my attention to Mock Trial preparations. I think the most challenging portion of the Mock Trial so far is attempting to prepare both the Plaintiff and Defendant's cases at the same time. Since we will not find out which side we are arguing until the day before the Mock Trial, both cases will need to be fully prepared by the end of the coming week. I think that preparing both sides is quite difficult, because I'm finding it hard to switch back and forth between two opposing arguments, but still dealing with the same facts and evidence. Hopefully I don't get too confused during Mock Trial!

My teammate Ella and I had our first two practices this week, and I feel so grateful for the help and guidance of our mentors. I'm finding that I definitely need to develop a better understanding of the Federal Rules of Evidence, and my mentor Jonathan Marcelo and Ella's mentor Blake Bonsack have been trying the best they can to guide us through presenting evidence and making objections. I'm looking forward to next week's practices so that we can really start working on our presentation style.

Besides the Mock Trial prep, it was also a unique week because Orlando attorney Brad Davis took the time to teach the Summer Associates the ins and outs of mergers and acquisitions. It was a very interesting presentation, and very detailed. I found the presentation incredibly useful because I recently took Business Entities as a class this past semester; it really helped my understanding to see some of the documents that are used in these types of business deals and get a more comprehensive view of how a business deal is accomplished, from start to finish.