

Week Ten-The Long-Awaited Mock Trial Competition

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The long-awaited Mock Trial competition finally took place. All of the summer associates met in the Orlando office for the competition. The first group of summer associates competed in the morning. My partner and I competed in the afternoon following the first trial.

While we waited for the first trial to end, my nerves consumed me. As much time as I had spent preparing for the Mock Trial, it didn't feel like I had done enough. Those nerves, however, went away the second we began our trial. During my cross examination, direct examination, and closing argument, I realized that I was prepared. Aside from doing my closing argument, I found that arguing the objections was the most fun. Having to strategically decide what to and what not to object to in the moment was a challenging task. Additionally, arguing against my opposing counsel on why evidence should or should not come in was a great test of our preparation and quickness on our feet.

The Mock Trial came and went quickly, just like my summer associate position here at Rumberger this summer. It has been quite the learning experience and I cannot thank the attorneys and staff at Rumberger enough for giving me this invaluable experience. I look forward to applying all that I have learned here throughout my legal career.