

## ***Week Ten—Hard Work Pays Off!***

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Last week was the lead up to the final event of the summer: the Mock Trial. I spent so much time in the conference room preparing with my partner, Jordan Benatar, from the Miami office and our coaches. Big thanks to everyone who helped us prepare, especially including our coaches from the Orlando and Miami offices! Although the preparation was so intense, I think my favorite part was seeing the improvements day to day. Every time I had a practice session, the next day I was able to see a big improvement by applying the feedback I received the day before. By the time I was finished preparing, it was crazy to think how far I had come in such a short amount of time. I will say although it was a bit daunting and nerve racking, it really paid off.

When it was finally over, it was the best feeling. I was so happy that I felt like it went well and that I could finally relax. As soon as it was over, it did feel like a lot of fun—even though during the Mock Trial I was still very nervous! Looking back on it, being proud of what I accomplished and feeling like I did really well with certain portions of the trial made all the work worth it. I think I had the most fun with the cross examination, and I got some really good feedback.

Overall, I learned so much this summer. Although I'm sad it's over, I'm really excited to start my career next fall. I think this showed me that I'm excited to start the practice of law, and now I have all these skills that I'll get to practice soon. From taking a deposition, to arguing a hearing, to participating in a trial and everything that comes with that, I know I'll be ready to go once I pass the bar. I'm thankful for all that I've learned, and I hope you've enjoyed reading my blog!