

## ***Week Ten – Getting Prepped for Mock Trial is a lot of Hard Work, but it is also Incredibly Fun!***

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It's a strange feeling to know the summer is over. I learned so much in my ten weeks at RumbergerKirk, both about the business and practice of law. I attended hearings, depositions, inspections and networking events. I worked on substantive matters in different practice areas and I had the opportunity to work with so many different partners, associates and staff members. Finally, I collaborated with another summer associate as we represented our client in the Mock Trial.

Getting prepped for Mock Trial is a lot of hard work. It takes long hours and a lot of reading, analysis, and combing through your records with a fine tooth comb. It is also incredibly fun to develop theories of your client's case and weigh those theories against each other to find your client's strongest case. I was nervous leading up to the Mock Trial, but once the trial started the nerves gave way to the desire to win. I am proud of myself and the other summer associates. It was an honor to learn and grow alongside them.

Writing this last blog post really leaves me with an overwhelming sense of gratitude. The people I had the opportunity to meet and work with this summer were all 100% committed to the summer associate program. Nayira's friendly words of encouragement by the coffee pots come to mind. Kyle and Donna graciously allowing me to print from their printer what was probably one too many times and Stefanie allowing my blog posts to creep in at the last minute on my busier weeks also comes to mind. Thank you to all of the associates and partners who trusted me to work on projects for their clients. Thank you to Marisa for coordinating this year's summer associate program.

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I am very pleased I had the opportunity to spend my summer at RumbergerKirk. The program is crafted with intention and is an excellent experience for any law student.