

Weekly Report 1

8/16 - 8/26

First Steps Toward Criminal Law

This past week was the first full week of my Junior year, and the first real introduction to many of my classes. Towards the beginning of the week, I made sure that I was adequately prepared for my ISM introduction speech by writing an outline for my speech and choosing appropriate stories to express how I became interested in the law. At the end of the week, the ISM class went to the library where Ms. Lambert showed us effective ways to research our topic for future projects which allowed me to later explore some of the databases that supplied the most articles regarding my topic.

Surprisingly, this week was not as taxing as expected, and it was easy to find ample time to work on other topics outside of my classes after finishing homework. This week was especially important to me because of the SAT that I took on Saturday morning and spent most of the week doing final studying to prepare. This was my first time taking the SAT, and I was nervous about hitting my score goal. Because of this, I was not provided with as much time to work on researching my ISM topic.

Over the summer, I began working on a legal journal that could possibly turn into a viable ISM project. During this time, I was only able to complete 3 articles for one of my issues, and it was unrelated to criminal law. However, writing these journals and learning about the different applications of the law was so enjoyable for me that I would love to do a criminal law issue for my ISM project. For right now, it is just an idea, but it would perfectly embody my interest in the law and be a great platform for me to expand my knowledge on a variety of topics encompassed by the law.

This past week, when I was not doing additional research for my topic, I went back to the first article I wrote over the summer about the economic viability of high school football due to litigation risk. By looking over the article after having taken a break from studying it, it was clear to see some of the errors that were made and ways in which to improve it. The most glaring issue was that the article included too many statistics and not enough of my opinion to make it unique. I was satisfied with the many things that were accomplished this week, and I am looking forward to another week hopefully filled with success and more achievements.