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Interviews at Collin County Courthouse

This week provided two interviews at the Collin County Courthouse with head prosecuting attorney, Gail Leyko, and Lisa Milasky King who works in the Grand Jury/Intake Division. It was really interesting to hear the different perspectives of these two professionals compared to past interviews. The first interview with Ms. Leyko was my first interview with a criminal prosecutor and it was incredibly informative as she was able to provide ample insight into the expectations of an attorney in that specific field within law. My original goals for the week were to gain a more complete understanding of the job of a criminal attorney and determine if that particular field of law would be a suitable career to pursue. These interviews were especially successful because it helped distinguish the differences between pursuing a career in felony or misdemeanors. A common theme in the advice given during these interviews has been to keep an open mind and explore the different fields of law as there are so many different fields with many different responsibilities. By interviewing attorneys in different fields, it was easier to accomplish my goal and determine that criminal law is a fitting career for my interests.

My performance this week was not as successful due to ACL surgery on Tuesday that required me to stay home and rest all week. Unfortunately, outside of the interviews on Monday, little work was accomplished. The original plan from last week was to complete an article in the original work which means that my schedule for my original work will be pushed back a week. However, it is imperative that next week my work ethic is improved to try to catch up on the articles in my original work. One thing that this week did provide was more opportunity to practice for the Research Presentation. After watching the ISM II students do their presentations, it clarified the expectations of the Research Presentation and showed a small preview of what will be expected for Final Presentation.

Next week, my goals are to have a successful Research Presentation and improve my public speaking. Even though this presentation will not be perfect, it will help me understand the weaknesses of my public speaking and the points to improve upon. In addition, catching up on the original work project is one of the main objectives of next week. Writing these articles is incredibly enjoyable, but the hardest part is getting the original research done to solidify an idea to write about. Making it a priority to do research early in the week will provide time later in the week to write the article and fix any parts that need updating.