

## Weekly Report 21

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### Watching a Crimes Against Children Case

This week was spent putting together the different pieces to start writing the second issue of my legal journal for my Final project and watching a jury trial by the Crimes Against Children department. It was incredibly interesting to watch the trial and it provided a good comparison point for how the CAC department differs from the felony district. Since the subject for my second issue is child-related matters, watching the CAC case helped establish some of the topics that are the most prominent in that field. On top of my goal to watch a CAC case, other goals for the past week included having a successful Research presentation, reaching out to my mentor's contact at the Advocacy center, and talking to my mentor about Final project. While the Research presentation went well and the Advocacy center responded to my email, I was not able to meet with my mentor about the Final project. This will be one of the main goals of the upcoming week.

My work ethic in the beginning of the week was pretty good since Research presentation required practice and time. After the presentation, my time was spent on a mentor visit, writing about my past mentor visit watching an open plea, and beginning the research for the second issue of the legal journal. Since working on the Original work project long before it was due was something that was difficult, for the Final Project project, I set up due dates along the way in order to make sure that my work gets done early on. The goal for this week was to finalize a decision on the topic of the second issue which was successful. However, more research needs to be done into the topic to figure out if it is suitable for an issue and if there are enough topics to write about.

The main goal for this upcoming week is to meet with my mentor to talk about not only the Final presentation idea, but also about the potential project with the Advocacy center. In regards to the Final presentation, after talking to my mentor, the goal will be to gain an overall understanding of the topics to write about for the legal journal. Another way to advance my knowledge on this topic would be to contact attorneys that work in children-related departments such as the CAC, and ask for informational interviews. This would provide insight into the most prominent issues in child-related legal matters to help maximize the effectiveness of my second issue.