

Weekly Report 6

9/24 - 9/30

On The Way to Business Symposium

This week was crucial to learning skills that will not only advance my knowledge of criminal law, but also advance my knowledge on how to deal with real world situations in the professional world. Being able to call professionals to set up interviews this past week provided incomparable experience that will help in professional situations as well as in a potential career. Especially as a criminal lawyer, it is important to present yourself in a professional, respectable manner and have the courage of your conviction. Learning to present myself with maturity and professionalism will assist in my pursuit of a legal career or whatever path I choose to take.

The goals for this week were to start making connections with some professionals in hopes of getting interviews. Although both of the calls went to voicemail, an essential lesson that ISM has taught is that persistence is key and to never let the word “no” demoralize you. Taking this into account, next week will be dedicated to contacting more professionals and following up with the ones that have been previously contacted. The excitement of finally being able to interact with professionals motivated me to work hard this week and manage my time well. In addition to contacting professionals, a large amount of time was spent researching the factor that money plays in the law. There were many cases that talked about the fact that the poor are put at a significant disadvantage if they cannot afford to pay excessive bails or afford top law firms. This topic was especially interesting because it inspired me to find ways to limit these injustices in the legal system. Volunteering time to helping people who cannot afford a lawyer would be a great way to learn more about the justice system and contribute positively in my community.

This upcoming week is going to be filled with new learning opportunities and new experiences. Managing my time will be especially important with business symposium coming up this week where I will have the opportunity to talk to professionals, conduct mock interviews, and interact with other ISM students. In addition, the day after is the introductory meeting with the JCC Future Leaders in Business program that I am a part of. The program is an 8 month long program that allows students to meet with community members that are leaders in their field and can potentially help me in obtaining an interview or finding a potential mentor.