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Closing Argument Preparation Form

The attorneys from both sides present their final argument to the judge and jury at the end of the trial. This is their opportunity to leave the jury with their version of the case. The Closing Argument should try to show witness testimony supports your theory of the case and what was proven (or not proven) during the trial.

Write an opening to your Argument that restates the theory of your case (1-2 sentences):

List the themes (words and phrases) you want to weave into your opening and throughout your argument:

List what the witnesses said (predict this but be prepared to adjust based on testimony during the trial):

List what key facts the exhibits showed (predict this but be prepared to adjust based on testimony during the trial):

Identify who has the burden of proof and what the burden is for this case - did your side prove what it needed to?

Write down what your side wants the jury to do (“please decide a verdict for the plaintiff/defense”).

**Closing Argument Guide:**

Your Honor, members of the jury, today you heard testimony about:

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I would like to remind you of important information about this case that you should think about

as you make your decision:

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When you have heard all the facts, please find for the .Thank you.