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| **CLOSING ARGUMENT OUTLINE** |

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| 1. Power Start* Grab the listeners attention
	+ Reintroduce theme
	+ Dramatic facts

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| 2. The Law* Remind jurors of the legal aspects of case
* Elements
* Burden of proof
* Don’t need to define (that was open), just hit the key ideas you want them to be considering.
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| 3. The Proof* Organize by the legal elements
* One paragraph for each element
* Focus on how you have proven or rebutted each element.
* Draw conclusions based on the evidence
* Weave the witness testimony that the jurors just heard, the story, and exhibits into a persuasive argument
* Use the exhibits you have entered
* Don’t retell the story
* Highlight admissions and inconsistencies of opposing witnesses brought forth on cross – slam all doors.
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| 4. Defense Rebuttal* Theme reversal destruction
* Focus on one or two points made by the prosecution and rebut
	+ Highlight inconsistencies
	+ Point out promises made in open that they did not follow through on
	+ Emphasize how they failed to prove or support one of their key legal points.
* Prosecution will rebut after the defense closing.
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| 5. Conclusion* State your Theme
* Appeal to logic and emotion
* Request Verdict
	+ “The evidence requires that you find Dominique Stephens guilty of first degree murder.”
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