Opening Statement Outline Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Side: **Pros** **Def**

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| Intro: grab your audience’s attention, use a quote, suggest your team’s theme |
| Introduction: yourself, your colleagues, your client  **Prosecution**: tell the background of the story, set the stage, give the context, explain the charges  **Defense**: spin the story from your side, suggest your defense theory, remind burden of proof;  **Use “the evidence will show…” Use future tense (what will happen during the trial).** |
| Witness: tell who will be testifying for your side in their witness order  Don’t use a lot of names, characterize what each one will say (**“the detective will tell you…”**) |
| Finish up – Prosecution talk about elements of charge, defense about reasonable doubt  Suggest that the only verdict will be… |