# CLOSING ARGUMENT

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# "IF YOU TRY YOUR CASE ON THE FACTS; YOU WILL **LOSE** EVERY TIME."

- Gerry Spence

## Materials/Toys

#### Demonstrative Aids

Burdens of Proof Chart (NCDD); Drinking Patterns; 3 Rules; BRD Comes From

### Photographs

5 x 7s of scene; helicopter; Google Earth

- Laser Level
- Alcohol
- Paper

Colored sheets of paper; post it notes

- Thermometer
- Intoxilyzer 5000
- Mouth Piece
- Cars and Action Figures

## THEORY OF THE CASE

- Theory: Rush to Judgment, Misunderstanding, Different
- 4 Fathers
- Storytelling
- Swedish 3
- Trips:
  - > ABC, 123, Red White and Blue
  - Innocent Man, Insufficient Evidence, Indisputable Conflict
  - > Hard working, Hornet's Nest, Half Hearted Evidence

## 3 RULES

# Presumption of Innocence Constitutional Duty Compass Burden on the State Label a criminal Beyond a Reasonable Doubt Not that police are bad, or agree with the crime

> This one case with this evidence

## RETELLING THE FACTS

Where does Reasonable Doubt Come From?

- > Evidence,
- > Mistakes in the Evidence, and
- Lack of Evidence

Go Home and Tell Your Neighbor

On't sugar coat or skirt the bad facts

## THE SILVER BULLET

## REASONABLE DOUBT

- > Yes! (nod)
- > The Stairway Chart
- > The Definition
- > RD is Quick!
- > The more you humm and haaa = RD!!!

## SCIENTIFIC RESULTS

- Taxalyzer 5000EN
- Ooppler Radar
- Happy Everyday Airlines
- EKG
- Thermometer
- Mouthpiece
- Ridiculous Number

## EXCLUSIVE JUDGES

Highlite
Explain
GREEN, GREEN, RED

## GUILT INNOCENCE

Impossible not to think of the ramification of your decision

- Same decision to pull the plug
- CRIM
- Lasts forever
- Worst Nightmare

## NOT GUILTY

Jury Charge
38.22, 38.23, and Others
Court (10)
It's the First Choice, Because it's the RIGHT Choice

## **Prosecutor Closing**

- Puzzle gun, tiger, apple
- Flag of Texas
- Output (Post It Notes)
- On't Pay Attention
- Object
- Attacking Defense Counsel

## Leave Your Blood On The Field!!

On't go to trial if you don't believe your own case.

- Fight "them" at every single step, but never annoy the jury.
- Make "them" think twice about trying cases against you.
- Always be growing, learning, and trying new things.
- Never ever give up.

"You don't become a real cowboy by riding ponies." – Trichter

"It's not how many times you get knocked down, but how many times you get back up that matter." – McKinney

"Play for the fumbles." – J. Silverman

## **QUESTIONS???**



## THIESSEN

#### **AGGRESSIVE CRIMINAL DEFENSE**