

OPENING STATEMENTS

Judge Durrett

A. STRONG POINTS

1. CONFIDENT DELIVERY
2. Introduced parties backgrounds key facts
3. Excellent EYE CONTACT with jury

B. WEAK POINTS

1. A little ARGUMENTIVE [“How could he do that”]
2. Lost place with notes

Judge Threet

A. STRONG POINTS

1. ORGANIZED
2. Knew FACTS
3. Good CONCLUSION
4. Varied voice to show jury STRONG POINTS
5. Good objection [shows the jury you are alert]
6. BLUNT! Your weak points
7. Good road signs Evid. #1, Evid. #2

B. WEAK POINTS

1. Don't be ARGUMENTIVE – A DAMN LIE
2. Too fast – stop looking at clock
3. Don't use rhetorical questions
4. No hands in pocket – “Too Casual”