

Plaintiff

Socio-Scientific Issues Evidence and Argument Preparation Worksheet

I. Role Assignment

You have been assigned to represent the Plaintiff, Mr. A, in this case. Each of you will take on a role to participate in the trial. Review the roles below and decide who will do what.

Role	Responsibilities	Name
Plaintiff Attorney #1	Will read the opening statement.	
Plaintiff Attorney #2	Will read the final argument.	
Plaintiff	Will answer questions during the cross-examination.	
Plaintiff Expert	Will produce tables and evidence for Attorneys to present in their opening statement and during their final argument.	
Plaintiff Secretary	Will take notes and record answers for the group.	

II. Opening Statement

Prepare your opening statement and be sure to include evidence from your analysis worksheet that supports your claims.

Your Honor and ladies and gentlemen of the jury: the defendant has been charged with the crime of...

[List evidence that proves that the tree(s) in question are **guilty** of decreasing solar output by more than 10 percent during the day. PLEASE list the source of where the evidence came from.]

The evidence I present will prove to you that the defendant is guilty as charged.



Include snapshots from your **answer sheet** that support your opening statement:

III. Defendant Attorney Opening Statement Review

Listen to the Defendant Attorney's opening statement, take notes and write follow-up questions.

Notes	
Questions	1.
	2.
	3.
	4.
	5.
	6.
	7.



IV. Cross-Examination

You will be given the opportunity to ask questions to the Defendant and the Plaintiff (your client). Please see a list of possible questions below and also write down your own questions.

Defendant Cross-Examination	
Notes	
Questions <i>(Plaintiff Attorneys ask these questions)</i>	1. Why did you not take Mr. A's offer to pay to remove the trees and replant them in 2001?
	2. Why did you not get a permit to plant the trees?
	3. Why do you want to keep all of the trees?
	4.
	5.
	6.

Plaintiff Cross-Examination	
Notes	
Questions <i>(Plaintiff Attorneys ask these questions)</i>	1. Did you offer to pay for the removal and replanting of the redwood trees?
	2. Do you think that the trees violate the Solar Shade Control Act (AB 2321)?
	3.
	4.
	5.
	6.



V. Closing Argument

You have one last chance to present your case to the Jury. Consider the information that you received during the cross-examination and during your evidence review and prepare your closing argument. Include information and snapshots from your answer sheet that support your closing argument.

Your Honor, ladies and gentlemen of the jury.

[Insert your argument below]

.....Therefore Ms. Bissett does have to remove trees, especially trees [#?].

Include snapshots from your **answer sheet** that support your closing argument.

VI.

VII. Final Questions

1. What parts of this case make it difficult to come up with a closing argument?
2. Do you see science and engineering as a way to solve social problems? (Please support your response with details and/or examples)
3. What kinds of additional information would better support an evidence-based decision to remove the trees?
4. What kinds of additional information would better support an evidence-based decision to keep the trees?

