

8.04 | OPENING STATEMENTS

After the jury is sworn in or “empaneled,” each side may present an opening statement. The plaintiff has the burden of proving that he or she was wronged and suffered damages from that wrong and that the defendant caused those damages. The plaintiff is allowed to present the opening statement first. This may be followed by a statement by the defendant. The Court will determine the time to be allotted for opening and closing arguments.

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