

The background is black and features several abstract, colorful geometric shapes. In the top left, there's a teal square partially cut off, a blue semi-circle, and a pink semi-circle. In the top right, a yellow semi-circle is connected to a blue horizontal bar. In the bottom left, a small yellow triangle is above a teal rounded rectangle. In the bottom center, a red semi-circle is connected to a blue horizontal bar, which is then connected to a pink semi-circle. In the bottom right, a yellow rounded rectangle is next to a tall red vertical bar with a white downward-pointing triangle at its top.

# Closing Arguments

Lecture 08

# Closing Arguments - 5 mins

**01**

## **Intro - Hook**

Go back to theme/  
catchphrase!

**02**

## **The Law**

Remind the jury/judge of  
the law that you had to  
cover

**03**

## **Connect the dots**

This is where you bring  
all your evidence  
together  
- Create POCKETS!

**04**

## **BANGER!**

End with what the  
jury/judge will find  
NOW... this should be  
powerful



# GOOD FEATURES OF A CLOSING

“Last impression to the jury/judge”

- Changes with the trial... brings up specific features

## PROSECUTION

1. The law in case
2. How you have met your burden
3. What your witnesses showed
4. Major flaws of the defense

## DEFENSE

1. You have no burden
2. Prosecution especially has not met their burden
3. Tell us everything the Pros. could not do, and what they promised but DIDN'T prove
4. Introduce alternative stories and explanations

# Rebuttal Close

- Plaintiff/Prosecution
- You can save part of your 5 minutes to rebuttal
- Jot down just main points you want to attack from other team (1-3)
- Then end with a kicker - maybe bring back to your theme





**2020 Mock Trial Finals**