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Witnesses

Witness Name	Description	Comments

Evidence Timeline

1. What is the Argument?
2. What are three possible "headlines" for your defense case?
(Themes, taglines, catch phrases, etc.)
3. Please summarize the defense case in one sentence.
4. What evidence/facts do you believe establishes "reasonable doubt" for defendant?
5. What are the strengths/ weaknesses of the state's case?
6. What are the strengths/weaknesses of the defense case?
7. What will the state's primary arguments be?
8. List five topics you want to cover for the defense on voir dire and why.
9. What topics do you think are most important for the state to cover in voir dire?
10. List five juror beliefs or life experiences that would be helpful to your defense strategy and fact pattern.
11. List five juror beliefs or life experiences that would be dangerous to your defense strategy and fact pattern.
12. Who is your strongest witness and why?
13. Who is your weakest witness and why?
14. Who is likely to be the most damaging witness against your case and why? What do you want to try to establish with them on cross-examination?
15. List your primary arguments for closing.