

PLAINTIFF'S CLOSING ARGUMENT

Hook:

When Mr. Fudd planned his grandmother's funeral- he didn't ask for much. As a young man with a limited budget, he knew he couldn't afford the fancy limousines and expensive flowers he'd seen at other funerals. But that didn't really matter to him. What mattered to him, ... what matters to all of us when we lose a loved one, was simply the chance for his family and friends to pay their final respects to the woman who meant so much to them. All Mr. Fudd wanted was one final chance to honor the woman who had devoted herself to raising him. But Mr. Fudd didn't get that chance.

Instead of the dignified funeral service he had planned, Mr. Fudd was forced to stand by and watch in horror as his grandmother's casket fell, crashing to the ground. *Instead of* words of comfort and shared memories, Mr. Fudd heard only the sounds of his relatives' terrified screams. *Instead of* fond memories of his grandmother's warm smile, Mr. Fudd will forever be plagued by the vision of her face as it slammed into the ground over and over and over again, until it finally stopped, face down in the dirt of the cemetery road. And today, MOJ, the evidence has shown that the party responsible- the **only** party responsible for this tragedy...is the defendant, Caskets-R-Us...for building a casket that was supposed to last a lifetime... but didn't make it through a single day.

THE LAW AND POINTS:

Today, the issue for you to decide is whether the defendant will be held responsible for what happened at Myra Fudds' funeral. As Judge Poehls will instruct you, in order for you to hold the defendant responsible, you must find that the casket made by caskets-R-Us was

defectively designed. As the plaintiff, it's our job to prove the casket was defectively designed by what the law calls "the greater weight of the evidence". Simply put, the greater weight of the evidence means the evidence that you find to be the more persuasive and convincing.

As my co-counsel promised you at the beginning of this trial, the greater weight of the evidence *does* prove the defendant is liable for two reasons; *first*, because Mr. Fudd reasonably expected the casket he bought to support the weight of his grandmother's body, and *second*, because the casket fell apart due to its defective design by Caskets-R-Us.