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- Cry of the Loon
- What do these 4 words have in common?
 - Splatter
 - Irregardless
 - Collaboration
 - Preemptory
- Historical
- 1 of 5 Closing Arguments (or Maybe 7)
- Logistics/Note Taking
 - Stickies
 - Wheeler
 - Codes
 - Bio Info
 - Coveting
- Introduction
 - Self to Jury
- Judge Questions
- Soulful
- “If you’ve got a bad felling about them, they’ve probably got a bad feeling about you.”
- Don’t Piss off the Goddess of Preemptory Challenges
- Have a Jury Instruction in the Back of Your Mind

- Legitimate For Cause Area
- “Something old, something new, something borrowed...”
- “The wheel is plenty round.”
-  Keep it Simple.
- Open Ended Questions = Cry of the Loon.
- Don’t Argue With Jurors.
- Be Yourself/Conversational/Humor
- Organized and Punctual
- Don’t be Rushed.
- Stereotypes
 - Social Workers
 - Teachers
 - Eager Beavers
 - No Life (15 minutes)
 - Men Under 26
 - Redheads
 - Snoopy Lunch Box
- Work to Do/Don’t Dignify Defense ???

- **Diffusing Defenses**
 - **Self Defense**
 - **Voluntary Manslaughter/Heat of Passion**
 - **De Minimus Crime or Conduct**
 - **Sympathetic Defendant**
 - **But for the Good Grace of God Crime**
 - **Reasonable Doubt**
- **Problems/Issues With Cases**
 - **Type of Charge**
 - **Problematic Wits**
 - **Complex Legal Theory**
 - **Type of Evidence**
 - **ID Case**
 - **1 Witness Case**
 - **Lying Defense Witness Case**
 - **2 Stories Does NOT = Reasonable Doubt**
- **Uncomfortable/Clunky/Embarrassing**
 - **Don't Worry, Still Have Closing Argument**

- **Examples of Types of Cases**
 - **Circumstantial Evidence Case**
 - **1 Witness Case**
 - **Aiding and Abetting/Natural Probable Consequences Case**
 - **2 Stories Does NOT = Reasonable Doubt**
- **Bottom Line – Be Yourself**