ORDER & LIMITS ON CLOSING STATEMENTS

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- **I. Introduction.** This section sets out the basic rules for closing statements in non-capital cases.
- II. Order of Statements.
 - If the defendant does not put on evidence:
 - Defendant (may waive opening)
 - State
 - Defendant
 - If the defendant does put on evidence:
 - State (may waive opening)
 - Defendant
 - State

Rule 10, General Rules of Practice for the District and Superior Court

- **III. Limits on Closing Statements.** The judge can put the following limits on closing statements:
 - Misdemeanors: Not less than one hour/side
 - Felonies: Not less than two hours/side

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