District Local Rule Civ 39.1 (Civil)

OPENING STATEMENTS, CLOSING ARGUMENTS,
AND EXAMINATION OF WITNESSES

(a) **Opening Statements.** Prior to offering any evidence, counsel for the plaintiff must make a statement of the facts which counsel intends to establish in support of plaintiff's claim, unless such statement is waived with permission of the Court. Such waiver or statement must be made as a matter of record. Following the statement of plaintiff or at the opening of defendant's case, at the election of counsel for the defendant, the defendant's counsel must make a statement of facts which defendant's counsel intends to establish, unless such statement is waived with permission of the Court. Such waiver or statement must be made as a matter of record.

(b) **Arguments.** Only one attorney for each party will open and one attorney for each party will close, except with the permission of the Court; provided that if the opening attorney does not intend to close, the opening attorney must so inform the Court so that the Court may appropriately apportion the arguments between counsel.

(c) **Examination of Witnesses.** Only one attorney for each party will examine or cross-examine a witness except with the permission of the Court.

RELATED AUTHORITY

None
