

Introduction to the 2025-2026 Edition

Jacob Stein's *Closing Arguments* remains a unique book. You have at your fingertips the complete coverage of the law of closing argument, both in criminal and civil trials. You also have discussion and illustrations of the art of making a closing argument, arguments that have won in the courtroom, and legal maxims useful in making a point that fits the case.

The 2025-2026 Edition of *Closing Arguments* includes the following highlights:

- Updated case law and discussion throughout Chapter 1.
- New tips and illustrations in Chapter 2, including:
 - § 2:5 Organizing your closing argument—Evidence.
 - § 2:7 Organizing your closing argument—Use common sense
- New illustrations in Chapter 3, including:
 - § 3:22. Damages—Size of verdict
 - § 3:178. Blindness
- New Legal Maxims and Quotes, including:
 - § 4:17, under “Free will”
 - § 4:19, under “Jury”, “Justice” and Law and Lawyers. Also a new heading “Lawsuits and Litigation”
 - § 4:24, under “Trial”