

29.1.1 Opening Statements and Closing Arguments.

- (a) Opening Statement.** After the jury is selected and sworn, the government may, without arguing, make an opening statement, after which each defendant may do the same.
- (b) Closing Argument.** The parties may each make a final argument. The judge, after conferring with the attorneys, allots time for each argument. The government may use no more than one-third of the government's allotted time for rebuttal. Unless ordered otherwise, during rebuttal the government may discuss only subjects previously discussed during either party's closing argument. If the defendant waives closing argument, the government may not offer rebuttal. However, if the government waives closing argument, the defendant may make a closing argument.