



Opening Worksheet

Fill in the blanks to help you prepare for your opening statement.

Orders you seek/oppose

Chronology of your case:

- **Brief relationship overview: (e.g. date of marriage, and separation, if you have children)**

- **Brief court overview: (e.g. when court documents were filed, any orders or agreements made, previous hearings or conferences attended and their outcomes or settlements you reached)**

Theory of the Case: Briefly state the reasons why you want what you want. (e.g. You seek an order for spousal support because the relationship breakdown has put you in a financial disadvantage. You plan to bring evidence of how your earning capacity has been negatively affected and how you are unable to support the children in the family home)



The Witness: Who and what they will say (in a sentence or two):
