## A. CREATING AND ADAPTING THEMES

- 1. Developing Case Specific Themes
- 2. Adapting Standard Themes
- 3. Thematic Anchoring

### B. STRUCTURING POWER THEMES

- 1. Psychological Principle of Structuring
- 2. Psychological Tools of Structure
  - a. Primacy
  - b. Thematic Anchoring
    - (1) Anchoring Through Repetition
    - (2) Anchoring Technique
    - (3) Collapsing an Anchor
    - (4) Anchor Recalls Entire Experience
  - c. Neurolinguistic Programming Pacing
    - (1) Pacing to Create Similarities
    - (2) Matching and Mismatching
    - (3) Pacing at all Levels
    - (4) Pacing in the Primary Representational System
  - d. Embedded Commands
    - (1) Communicate a Command to the Unconscious Mind
    - (2) Preface, Pause, Voice Change and Command
  - e. The Zeigarnik Effect
  - f. Recency
- 3. Rhetorical Tools of Structure
  - a. Triad
  - b. Parallel Structure
  - c. Antithesis
  - d. Repetition
    - (1) Repetition At The Beginning
    - (2) Refrain
    - (3) Echo Effect
    - (4) Augmentative Repetition
    - (5) Repetition of the Central Theme
  - e. Thematic Reversal
  - f. Rhetorical Ouestion
  - g. Alliteration
  - h. Understatement
  - i. Grammatical Inversion
  - j. Rhythm
- 4. Verbal Tools of Structure
  - a. Power Word Choices
    - (1) Abstract vs. Concrete
    - (a) Simulative Concrete Words
    - (b) Deliberative Abstract Terms
    - (c) Preloaded Word Selection and Avoidance
    - (2) Catch Phrases
    - (3) Emotive Words
    - (4) Logical vs. Emotional Words
    - (5) Short, Long, Old & New Words
    - (6) Bilingual: Technical & Lay
    - (7) Use of Jargon
    - (8) Slang
    - (9) Vernacular or Colloquialism
    - (10) Language of the Case
  - b. Analogies
  - c. Metaphors
  - d. Similes
  - e. Establish Sense of Humor

- f. Anecdotes
- g. Quotes
  - (1) Prose
  - (2) Poetry
  - (3) Biblical Quotes & Parables
  - (4) Song Lyrics
  - (5) Literature
  - (6) Witnesses/Parties
  - (7) Medical Quotations
- h. Adapting Standard Arguments
  - (1) Pain and Suffering
  - (a) Measuring Physical Pain and Suffering
  - (b) Constitutional right to be free from pain
  - (c) Pain is life's window into hell
  - (d) Job ad catastrophic injury
  - (e) Minimum wage
  - (2) Value of Human Life
  - (3) Full Justice

## C. PERSUASIVE COMMUNICATION OF POWER THEMES AND MESSAGES

- 1. Non Verbal Communication
  - a. The Importance of the Pause
  - b. Pacing the Jury
  - c. Movements and Gestures
  - d. Touching the Client
  - e. Dressing for Summation
- 2. Mood Transference
  - a. Transferring a Feeling
  - b. Transferring Factual Information
  - c. Transferring Visual Information

## D. DR. AMY SINGER: CASE THEMES

- 1. Jury–Validated Trial Themes
- 2. Few Attorneys Think Thematically
- 3. Rhetoric Requires Themes
- 4. Themes Essential for Juries
- 5. What Makes a Good Trial Theme?
- 6. How *Not* to Determine Themes
- 7. Intuition
- 8. Finding the Ideal Trial Theme
- 9. Litigation Research
- 10. Surrogate Juries
- 11. Who "Owns" the Theme?
- 12. Using Themes Effectively in the Courtroom
- 13. The Best Jury Research Format to Test Trial Themes
- 14. Must Use the *Right* Theme
- 15. Developing the Right Trial Theme
- 16. Trial Theme Discovery
- 17. Enveloping the Theme
- 18. It Don't Mean a Thing If it Ain't Got That Theme
- 19. Identifying the Conversation
- 20. Complex Cases Require Strong Themes
- 21. Themes Can Spice up "Boring Cases

# E. CONCLUSION