

1.5 Claims and Defenses

To help you follow the evidence, I will give you a brief summary of the positions of the parties:

The plaintiff [name] asserts that [plaintiff's claims]. The plaintiff [name] has the burden of proving these claims.

The defendant [name] denies those claims [and also contends that [defendant's counterclaims and/or affirmative defenses]]. [The defendant [name] has the burden of proof on these [counterclaims and/or affirmative defenses].]

[The plaintiff [name] denies [defendant's counterclaims and/or affirmative defenses].]