

Law in Action
CD Pack: CD1
Key Stages in a Criminal Trial

The audio component of CD1 contains examples of key stages in a criminal trial, as indexed below.

Total Play 30:18 (m:s)

Track 1: 03:07	Introduction
Track 2: 04:27	Opening Statement by the Crown
Track 3: 06:31	Opening Statement by the Defence
Track 4: 03:21	Direct Examination of the Accused by the Defence
Track 5: 02:57	Cross Examination of the Accused by the Crown
Track 6: 05:27	Closing Arguments by the Defence
Track 7: 03:55	Closing Arguments by the Crown
Track 8: 01:44	Charge to the Jury
Track 9: 00:49	Conclusion

Teaching Suggestions

There are a number of ways that this audio component can be used in the classroom. While the CD is continuous play, you may choose to play the tracks individually to demonstrate various topics as they are covered in *Law in Action*. Here are some suggestions:

- Track 1: Introduction can be used during discussion of The Elements of a Crime – *actus reus* and *mens rea* – on pages 143–150 in Chapter 6
- Track 8, the Charge to the Jury, can be used to illustrate wilful blindness on page 149.
- Tracks 2 through 9 can be played selectively to demonstrate the various stages in The Criminal Trial Process on pages 174–183 in Chapter 7.
- Track 1: Introduction can be used in conjunction with the text on Drug Offences on pages 241–244 in Chapter 9.

If you plan to stage a mock trial at the end of Unit 3, students will find it useful to listen to this CD in preparation for presenting their own roles. The case *R. v. Baldwin* can be used as a springboard for a mock trial. Students can assume the roles of the Crown, Defence, the accused, the judge, and a jury. In the closing arguments presented by the Defence and the Crown, mention is made of other witnesses who testified during the trial. These included the valet Mr. Lardu, co-workers, the housekeeper in Popayán, the server in the restaurant in Montería, and the individual at the newspaper stand. Students can assume these roles, as well as any other witnesses that they think the Crown or the Defence might have called, and prepare their testimony based on information given in the tracks.