

5 FOR THE ROAD

Science Doesn't Sell Itself; It Needs a Story

- **1.** Decisions are often emotional, and stories are critical to connect science with emotion.
- **2.** Create a compelling narrative and use scientific evidence to support critical points of your story.
- **3.** Use simple language and graphics to present scientific material.
- **4.** Science may explain "what," but your story explains "why" and reaches jurors' emotions.
- **5.** Maximize your credibility by disclosing bias in scientific material and showing vulnerability in your story.

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