



JUROR COURTROOM TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION SHEET

Thank you for your service as a juror in the U.S. District Courts, the Central District of Illinois. During your time as a juror you may encounter technology that is used to assist the Courts in the viewing of evidence. This informational sheet is intended to provide you with a brief overview of the technologies that are provided in our courtrooms, so that you are aware of what is available to you as a juror and to the attorneys who present their evidence.

Assistive Listening Devices



Judges, witnesses or jurors who have a Telecoil or T-Coil hearing aid will be provided additional auditory assistance via an induction loop that have been installed in their respective seating areas. If you have a Telecoil or T-Coil hearing aid, the audio will automatically be transmitted to your hearing aids once inside the seating area. No special adjustments should be necessary. All other types of hearing aids will function as normal without any additional assistance.

If any person in the courtroom has need of an assistive listening device, the Court has Sennheiser headsets for use. This unit is an in ear device that will not work with an in ear hearing aid.

Laptop Computers, Document Cameras and DVD Players



Attorneys using technology generally present their evidence in one of three ways, by laptop, by document camera, or by DVD.

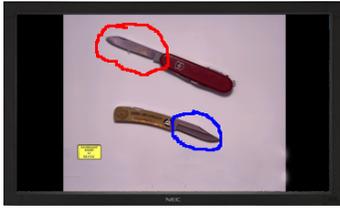
Attorneys use their laptops to present audio and visual evidence via presentation software, and may choose to play DVDs from their laptops.

The document camera allows presentation of paper documents, physical evidence and other large items that are too difficult to effectively pass between jurors.

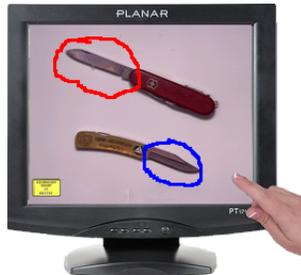
Video and audio evidence may also be displayed via the DVD player. Using the DVD player's controls, judges and attorneys may determine that video evidence may need to be paused for proper presentation of evidence.

All the video evidence options are displayed via projectors, large format LCD monitors, LCD monitors and annotation monitors and are displayed to appropriate parties at the Court's direction.

Projectors, Large Format LCD Monitors, LCD Monitors and Annotation Monitors



For the convenience of viewing evidence the Court has provided multiple solutions to help the judge, attorneys and jurors review the evidence. Depending on which courtroom your case appears in, one or many of the stated devices may be present.



All of the projectors and monitors are interconnected and will display the evidence at the same time. Special monitors called annotation monitors allow the judge, attorneys and witnesses to draw on the screen to help point out specific information that may appear on the screen. As you see in the pictures the two knives are circled in different colors. This information can be saved at the Court's discretion for future use in the proceedings.

Microphones



Each courtroom is outfitted with a state of the art audio system that allows a wide range of microphones to be used in the courtroom. Wireless hand held microphones are often used in the jury selection process, allowing jurors to respond to questions from the judge and attorneys. Lavalier or lapel microphones are available for attorneys or witnesses, so that all questions and responses are intelligible.

Interpretation System



For non-English speaking people, interpretation services are made available by the Court. Headphones are provided so that any party can directly hear the interpreted word without interruption to the proceedings. Interpreters can be located in the courtroom or provided by telephonic services.

In the event that a telephonic interpreter is used and an attorney needs a privileged conversation with their client, the attorney may use the Court's Revolabs microphone solution that provides a private conversation between the attorney, the client and the interpreter. Once the conversation is over the interpretation will resume on the standard Sennheiser headphones shown above.

Telephonic and Video Conference Calls



Each courtroom has telephonic and video conferencing equipment that allows the Court to call a party that is unable to appear in court. All audio from the courtroom is routed to the conferenced party and their audio and/or image is projected into the courtroom.