



EVIDENCE PRESENTATION TECHNOLOGY

The UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS is proud to offer evidence presentation equipment in the courtrooms of Chief Judge McDade and Judge Mihm in Peoria and Rock Island, Judge McCuskey in Urbana, and Judge Scott in Springfield.

A **Document Camera** enables counsel to present evidence via video monitors and a projection screen. Evidence can be in any medium (e.g. documents, pictures, negatives, x-rays, and 3-D objects).

Video Monitors are located at the bench, clerk's station, witness box, lectern, and attorney tables. The judge's monitor, the witness monitor and the lectern monitor are equipped with touchscreen technology. These touchscreen video monitors enable the judge, witness and counsel to draw and point with their fingers on the monitors to annotate any evidence or document that is displayed through the system. The image of the document or other exhibit can be marked with no changes to the original.

A **Video Cassette Recorder (VCR)** allows playback of evidence through the video monitors. We are currently in the process of moving away from the aging, unreliable video cassette technology to a DVD based presentation system. **Please note:** As of June 1, 2008, the VCR in Judge Mihm's courtroom has been replaced with a DVD player.

A **Color Video Printer** is available for counsel to print an image of a piece of evidence as it has been displayed through the system. Annotations are printed on the image as well. The printer enables counsel to preserve any document or piece of evidence for the record.

Computer Inputs are available if counsel chooses to use a computer to present evidence or make slide presentations. **Note: a 26-point font is highly recommended, as smaller fonts are extremely difficult to read.** Computer inputs are available at each counsel table and at the lectern. Each computer input has a corresponding audio input if counsel wants to use a computer with a sound card to present a recording as evidence through the sound system.

The Court strongly recommends that counsel test their systems and evidence in the courtroom before use in open court. Demonstrations and testing times are available by contacting the Clerk's Office to make an appointment with the appropriate courtroom deputy. Specific contact information is provided on the following page. **Note: this is especially recommended if counsel plans to use a laptop to present sound, or the VCR to present a surveillance videotape. Past experiences with sound and video have proven that different recording processes produce different results on the Court's system. Adjustments might need to be made to accommodate certain media.**

The Clerk's Offices in Peoria, Springfield and Urbana have a scanner station PC available for use by the public. This computer workstation includes Microsoft Word, Corel WordPerfect, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, Adobe Acrobat, and Textbridge. Textbridge is a program that scans a hard copy of a document, and then sends it to Word or WordPerfect for editing. The workstation also includes a Zip drive and CD writer. The Clerk's office does not provide Zip disks or CDRoms. Please note that CD-ROMs must be blank CD-Rs, specifically made for burning a CD. Regular CDs cannot be used to save information.

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Contact the following courtroom deputy clerks to make an appointment to test computer equipment to be used and evidence to be presented in the courtrooms. Cities and judges in each city are listed in alphabetical order for easy reference.

PEORIA

Courtroom of U.S. Magistrate Judge John A. Gorman*: Kerin, 309-671-7117 Courtroom of
U.S. District Judge Joe Billy McDade: Rhonda, 309-671-7117 Courtroom of U.S. District
Judge Michael M. Mihm: Connie, 309-671-7117

ROCK ISLAND

Courtroom of the U.S. District Court: Denise, 309-793-5778

SPRINGFIELD

Courtroom of U.S. Magistrate Judge Byron G. Cudmore*: Michelle, 217-492-4020
Courtroom of U.S. District Judge Richard Mills*: Marleen, 217-492-4020
Courtroom of U.S. District Judge Jeanne E. Scott: Christy, 217-492-4020

URBANA

Courtroom of U.S. District Judge Harold A. Baker*: Karen, 217-373-5830

Courtroom of U.S. Magistrate Judge David G. Bernthal*: Keri, 217-373-5830

Courtroom of Chief U.S. District Judge Michael P. McCuskey: Sherry, 217-373-5830

NOTE: * denotes limited, or no, evidence presentation technology. All judges are listed because, if circumstances warrant, those without full evidence presentation systems can sometimes make use of the courtrooms with the full evidence presentation systems. Counsel are cautioned not to make any assumptions in this regard, and to contact the appropriate courtroom deputy.