



## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

### **COURTROOM EVIDENCE PRESENTATION SYSTEMS**

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi has three courtrooms configured for electronic evidence presentations: Courtroom 1 in Aberdeen, and Courtrooms 1 and 2 in Oxford.

Courtroom 1 in Greenville will be configured for electronic evidence presentations in 2002.

The evidence presentation systems include the following features:

- Integrated audio-visual components.
  - Cordless headsets for hearing-impaired jurors, witnesses, and parties.
  - 15" flat-screen color video monitors on the judge's bench, on counsels' tables, on the law clerk's table, in the courtroom deputy's and the court reporter's wells, in the jury boxes (8 monitors; four on each tier), and on the witness stand.
  - 38" high-resolution color video monitor for the gallery or for such other use as the judge may direct.
  - Attorneys' evidence display cart.
    - T Evidence projection system.
    - T Document camera with capability for presenting top-lighted exhibits, or rear-lighted exhibits (such as X-rays and transparencies) (Oxford only), or for use as an electronic chalkboard.
    - T Multi-colored annotation and high-lighting device ("John Madden pen").

T VCR playback unit (S-VHS capable) with touch-screen controls on cart.

T Audio cassette deck with touch-screen controls on cart.

T Quick-connect hookups for attorneys' notebook computers, allowing *POWER POINT* and similar graphic presentations, including MPEG motion pictures.

T RCA-type line-in inputs for video and audio.

- High-resolution camera, recessed into the ceiling directly over witness stand, for displaying documents on the witness stand.
- Touch-screen monitor on witness stand; witness can superimpose different colored electronic lines, circles, drawings, writings, or other annotations on image of exhibit, or witness can use blank screen as an electronic chalkboard for drawing diagrams or other graphics.
- Special printer for producing instant copies of exhibits annotated or drawn by witness.
- Technology-ready counsels' tables, with quick-connects for data, voice, and real-time court reporter transmissions and for notebook computers.
- White-noise system for masking side-bar conferences.
- Total control of all components from touch-screen unit at judge's bench or at courtroom deputy's station.
- Monitor black-out feature to keep jurors and audience from viewing items not admitted into evidence.
- Courtroom audio volume controls.
- On/off controls for microphones at counsels' tables, witness stand, courtroom deputy's station, and court reporter's station.
- Zoom, focus, and slew controls for witness stand evidence camera and for evidence cart display camera.

A pictorial tour of the Aberdeen courtroom appears on the Northern District's website:

[www.msnd.uscourts.gov](http://www.msnd.uscourts.gov)

The Clerk's Office staff will provide attorneys with familiarization training on the evidence presentation systems. Training can be accomplished in approximately 30 minutes. Please call the following staff members to schedule training:

**Aberdeen Courthouse**

Matthew Howell (662) 369-1024

**Oxford Courthouse**

Kevin Helton (662) 281-3034