

## Training Requirements

Before an attorney can use any courtroom technology, they must attend a free, one-time court training program. Courtroom technology seminars are generally scheduled monthly, and class size is limited. To participate in the courtroom technology training program, contact:

Pamela Piper: 541.776-7171 ext 147



## Scheduling Requirements to Use Courtroom Technologies

To use any courtroom technology, attorneys are required to:

1. Contact the appropriate Jackson County lead court clerk a minimum of seven days in advance of the hearing:  
Criminal & Civil: Robin Pulido  
541.776.7171 ext 126  
Juvenile: Sandy Turrell  
541.776.7171 ext 109
2. Provide the lead clerk with the following:
  - Case name and number
  - Date and time of court proceeding
  - Specific technologies you plan on using
  - Additionally, videoconferencing requires the name of the facility, contact person, IP address, and approximate date and time of the appearance
3. Make appropriate arrangements with the person you want to remotely appear
4. Appear a minimum of half an hour before the hearing to test the equipment; or earlier for complex technology requirements
5. Our technicians will test the IP address and conference facility prior to the court date
6. No exceptions can be made for these requirements

## System Features

- IP videoconference over T1 lines
- Attorney lap top PC connectivity for presentation of photos, PowerPoint, etc.
- Surround sound stereo
- Digital audio evidence
- Digital video evidence
- Multi-channel digital court record by FTR
- Fiber optic connectivity to Jackson County facilities
- Integrated phone system
- Integrated ADA hearing assistance
- Elmo displays digitally interfaced
- Vortex technology to filter unwanted background noise
- 42" high definition Samsung monitor displays
- Wireless internet access for attorneys in the Justice & Juvenile Buildings

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## Jackson County Circuit Court

### Courtroom Technology

The Jackson County Circuit Court is committed to providing fair, accessible, and timely justice to promote the rule of law, protect individual rights, and resolve conflicts.

In 2006, Jackson County entered into a partnership with the Circuit Court to provide state of the art courtroom technologies to:

- Improve the quality of courtroom litigation
- Reduce litigant costs
- Improve access to justice
- Increase courtroom security
- Strengthen public trust & confidence



## Courtroom Technologies

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Multimedia interfaces and power outlets exist for attorney computers at counsel tables in all Jackson County jury capable courtrooms. Courtroom audio and video are digitally recorded by the official court record, "For The Record"(FTR). Digital sound is projected through high quality surround sound stereo speakers, and video images are displayed on high definition monitors located on the judge's bench and a 42" plasma monitor located behind the witness stand. Courtroom hearing assistance devices, the phone system, and Elmo projectors are fully integrated into the digital court recording and display system.

All courtroom technologies and services are available to the Bar without cost, subject to the following conditions:

- Completion of courtroom multimedia training by Jackson County Court staff
- Advanced scheduling of the equipment before the proceeding
- Compliance with all technology requirements of private equipment

## Videoconference System

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Jackson County Circuit Court's courtroom videoconference equipment has the capacity to connect with any internet based (IP) videoconferencing system in the world. Remote IP videoconference capacity significantly reduces the cost of expert witness testimony, and increases public access to quality justice.

## Telephone Conferencing

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The courtroom court clerk can place or accept incoming calls from one, or multiple, interested parties. Calls are accepted or dialed by the court clerk using a wireless control panel. Teleconference calls are transmitted through the courtroom microphones and surround sound speakers; gone are the days of huddling around a shared speaker phone.



Presiding Judge Mark Schiveley

## Computer Connectivity

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Use your laptop computer to connect to the courtroom technologies for PowerPoint presentations, to display digital video images, or transmit digital audio. Technical requirements for connectivity to the court systems are as follows:

- Laptops, cameras, projectors or similar devices connect to our system with a VGA, S-video, RCA or 3.5mm cable
- ELMO, DVD, VHS and CD integrated devices are also available

## Sound Systems

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A state-of-the-art surround sound audio system is in all Jackson County Circuit Court courtrooms. The systems employ Vortex technology to filter out specific background noises (including rustling paper) to ensure a quality audio record of proceedings. The sound amplifiers are highly sensitive to sounds, and record on multiple channels to accurately preserve the court record.

## Assistance Listening Devices

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Our hearing assistance sound systems meet or exceed American Disability Act (ADA) standards by employing wireless infrared technologies to pick up and transmit sound for hearing impaired users. The infrared technology ensures privacy; if worn outside the courtroom no sound can be received from another courtroom or jury room.

## Microphones

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All microphones are fully integrated into the recording and sound systems. Microphones located at counsel tables have a mute button which attorneys control. The mute feature immediately severs transmission of private communications between attorneys and their clients from the court sound systems, including the recording and amplification systems.