



**FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY
TRIAL DIVISION—CIVIL**

High Technology Courtroom—625 City Hall

Introduction

Thank you for expressing an interest in scheduling a trial in the court's High Technology Courtroom—625 City Hall. For your information, the attached documents describe the technologies that are available. If you are interested in using these technologies for trial, you must complete the "Request for Technology Courtroom—625 City Hall" form. This form may be obtained from any Judicial Team Leader, various offices in the Trial Division—Civil, or downloaded from the Court's website (<http://courts.phila.gov>). The form must be completed in its entirety and submitted to the Judicial Team Leader no later than one month before trial is scheduled to commence.

The request to utilize Courtroom 625 City Hall will be reviewed by the Civil Administration Executive Committee. This committee is comprised of all the Judicial Team Leaders and the Supervising Judge of the Trial Division—Civil. You will be notified of the committee's final decision in writing. If approved, your confirmation will include an explanation of how to proceed.

Should you require additional information regarding protocol or scheduling procedures, please contact the Judicial Team Leader assigned to the program in which the trial is scheduled. More specific questions regarding the technologies may be addressed to Sean MacGregor, Courtroom Technologist, Civil Administration, Trial Division—Civil, Room 296 City Hall, Philadelphia PA 19107, by telephone at 215-686-4245, or by email to Sean.MacGregor@courts.phila.gov

The First Judicial District is very pleased to now have available for the citizens of Philadelphia these state-of-the-art technologies.

First Judicial District of Pennsylvania High Technology Courtroom—625 City Hall

FACT SHEET

The recently renovated Courtroom 625 in historical City Hall has become the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania's high technology courtroom. The following description lists some of the available technologies.

- A video evidence presentation system with distributed monitors, interactive plasma display, and touch-screen annotation at the podium and witness positions.
- The interactive display is a SmartBoard® overlay mounted on a fifty – inch plasma screen allowing the easy marking of digital evidence by a witness.
- The touch-screens at the witness stand and the podium allow a witness or attorney to easily mark digitally displayed evidence for all in the courtroom to see.
- Document cameras at both the podium and witness locations, allow the display of physical evidence such as documents, pictures, x-rays, slides, etc.
- A video player at the podium provides the ability to display video tapes and DVDs.
- Computer input connections at the podium, attorney tables and Judge's bench provide the display of computer generated and scanned materials to the courtroom.
- A video printer makes a postcard-size representation of the displayed evidence for creating a record of all annotated materials. This does not replace the original material, but simply records the markings of that material.
- A teleconference system allows clear audio telephone communications for remote audio testimony.
- A videoconferencing system provides remote witness appearances from anywhere in the state, country or world. Multiple video cameras automatically switch to the speaker at various locations within the room and do not require any operator control.

- Court record capabilities including Realtime court reporting and digital audio recording, providing a comprehensive record of the proceedings.
- Foreign language interpretation transmission through an infrared emitter system, providing translation for foreign speaking participants in a trial.
- A sophisticated wireless control system providing simple user operation with a minimum of training.