

May 6, 2016 District of Columbia Bar

Practice 360°

iPad for Lawyers and Technology in the Courtroom

Judge Herbert B. Dixon, Jr. Superior Court of DC, Washington, DC

The Use of Technology in the Courtroom

Jury Expectations

Jurors are not likely to be surprised by a lawyer's use of evidence presentation technologies.

Affect on Lawyers:

Lawyers are likely to put more thought and preparation time into their case preparation.

The Key Use of Evidence Presentation

- Visual presentation of evidence and display of images during opening and closing
- With the ability to enlarge and annotate key portions, "call-outs"

Reasons for Technology Use in Jury Trials:

- Enhance jury comprehension of the evidence
- Enhance jury memory of the evidence
- Enhance understanding of the parties' positions
- Permit new forms of evidence

Reasons for Technology Use in Jury Trials:

- Decrease trial time
- Increase trial lawyer efficiency
- Provide better public understanding of the process
- Increase jury satisfaction

Basic Evidence Presentation Technology





"Sources" VCR/DVD/CD Players Samsung VCR/DVD with flash memory reader "Sources" **Document Cameras**

What's Wrong with this Picture?





"Sources"

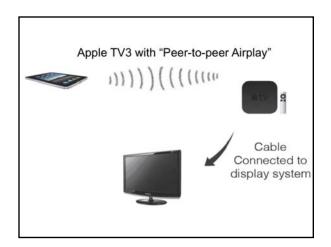
Digital Camera





"Sources" "Whiteboards" or "Annotation Monitors"





Technology Enhanced Courtroom



