



# Clerk's Office

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## Electronic Courtrooms



The United States District Court for the District of Columbia offers state-of-the-art courtroom technology to attorneys in two high-tech courtrooms.

### Courtroom 9

In 1997, the Court developed one of the first electronic courtrooms in the federal court system when Courtroom 9 was retrofitted with courtroom technology to assist judges, attorneys, and jurors participating in court proceedings. Technology available in Courtroom 9 includes:

- ELMO evidence presenter
- Light pens for annotating evidence as it appears on the video monitors
- Video monitors for the judge, jury, witness, counsel, courtroom clerk, and the public
- PC with CD-ROM capability
- Video and audio cassette players
- Ports for attorneys to connect laptop computers into the video system
- Portable PictureTel video conferencing system
- Sony video printer

### Courtroom 16

In early 2000, Courtroom 16, the Court's newest electronic courtroom, was opened for use by judges and attorneys. Courtroom 16 offers all the features of Courtroom 9, but boasts second-generation courtroom technology (e.g., flat screen display monitors throughout the courtroom and special retractable monitors in the jury box) and an integrated videoconferencing system.

Cameras have been unobtrusively installed in three corners of the courtroom. Video conferences can be held in the courtroom with the image being transmitted from the remote site appearing on all the monitors in the courtroom. Counsel also have the capability of transmitting images of evidence displayed on their laptops or the evidence presenter to the monitors in the courtroom as well as to the participants at the remote site.

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