

UNITED STATES TAX COURT ELECTRONIC (NORTH) COURTROOM



The United States Tax Court's North Courtroom has been equipped with a video evidence presentation system and a video conferencing system, featuring:

- Flat-panel monitors on the benches, lectern, counsel tables, and witness box for the display of evidence introduced into the system;
- Touch-screen annotation of displayed evidence from the flat-panel monitors located at the lectern and at the witness box;
- Computer connections, including power and audio, at all the flat-panel monitor locations to allow for the display of presentations over the system from a notebook or desktop computer;
- A 42-inch plasma screen for the display of video evidence or for viewing a video conference; and
- Two-channel wireless headsets which provide listening assistance to the hearing impaired or to those requiring the services of an interpreter.

The Lectern:



The lectern is the heart of the evidence presentation system, housing the following components:

- Evidence presentation camera;
- VCR;
- Flat-panel monitor with touch-screen annotation capability; and
- Digital video printer for photo-quality still images from any video source.

Connections at the lectern allow for presentations across the system's monitors from additional sources:

- Computer connections, including audio, video, and power, on the surface of the lectern for computer-based evidence presentations; and
- Auxiliary video source connections for presentations from a DVD player, a video camera, or another VCR.

Evidence Presentation Camera:

The evidence presentation camera allows for the display of documents, transparencies, photos, negatives, and small 3-D objects across the presentation system monitors. The various functions of the camera, such as rotate and zoom, can be controlled using the on-camera controls.

**Counsel Tables:**

Each counsel table is equipped with two flat-panel monitors. Power, computer video, and computer audio connections are available in each of a table's two access panels allowing presentations to be conducted directly from a computer located at the table.

**Video Conferencing System:**

The Tax Court's video conferencing system provides point-to-point video conferencing with speeds up to 384 Kbps over ISDN. The video conferencing system's auto-cam feature provides voice-activated camera switching while the Snapshot feature provides the ability to send video image snapshots to the remote party if the remote system supports this feature.