

Courtroom Technology

United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Courtroom layout diagrams begin on slide 7 Touchpad controller begins on slide 21

Agenda

Equipment that is available in each courtroom Digital/HDMI Courtrooms, 6th Floor and 10A 3rd, 5th and 7th Fl Pittsburgh / All Erie Courtrooms Historic Courtrooms (6th and 8th Floor) Magistrate (7B, 9th floor) / Johnstown Courtrooms

Operation of Equipment

Avoiding Common Problems

Future Updates

Questions

AVAILABLE EQUIPMENT

6th Floor Courtrooms and 10A Pittsburgh

Rail area Computer hookups (HDMI & VGA), Blu-Ray DVD player, Document Camera, and Touchpad for selecting equipment

Counsel table computer hookups (HDMI & VGA)

Annotation Monitors at Cart/Bench area and Witness Stand

Available videoconferencing and integrated speakerphone

3rd, 5th, AND 7th Floor Pittsburgh Courtrooms Erie Courtrooms

A/V Cart with computer hookup (VGA), DVD/VCR, Document Camera, A/V Inputs and Touchpad for selecting equipment (HDMI to VGA converters are available, test beforehand)

Counsel table computer hookups (VGA)

Annotation Monitors at Cart and Witness Stand

Built in Video and Audio Conference Equipment (Courtroom A in Erie has Audio Only)

Historic Pittsburgh Courtrooms (6th and 8th Floor)

A/V Cart with DVD/VCR, Document Camera, A/V Inputs and Touchpad for selecting equipment

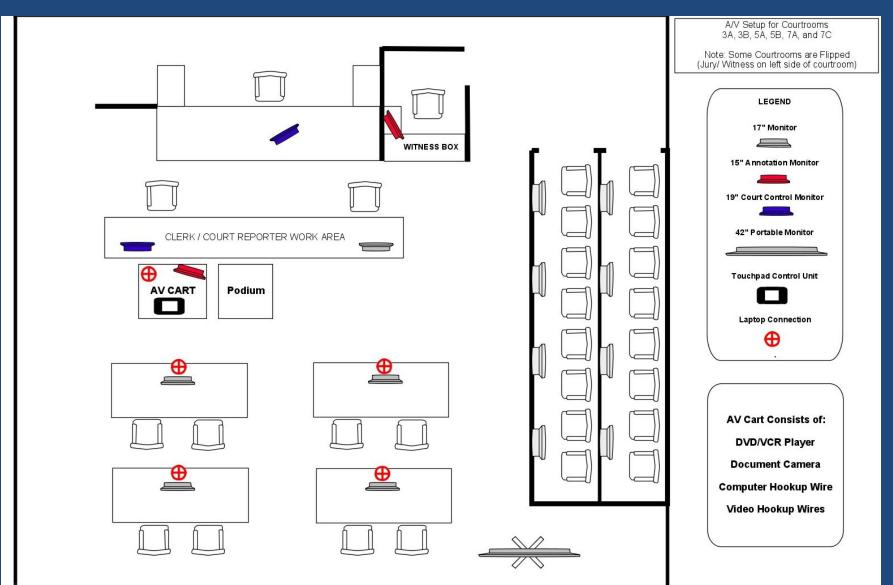
No counsel table hookups

Audio Conference ability built into system

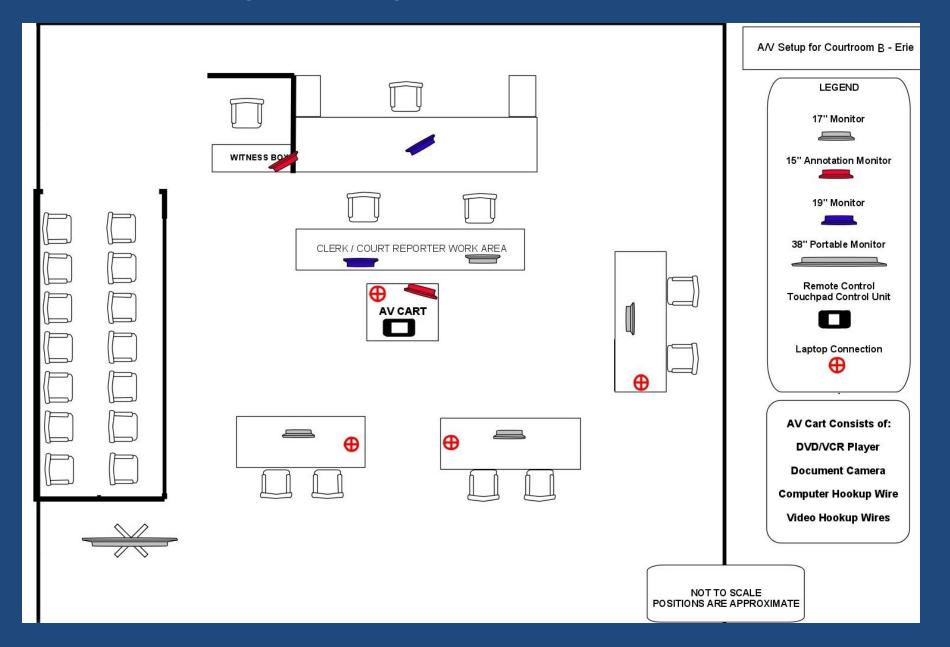
Most have Annotation (All but 8A and 8B)

Portable Video Conference Equipment Available

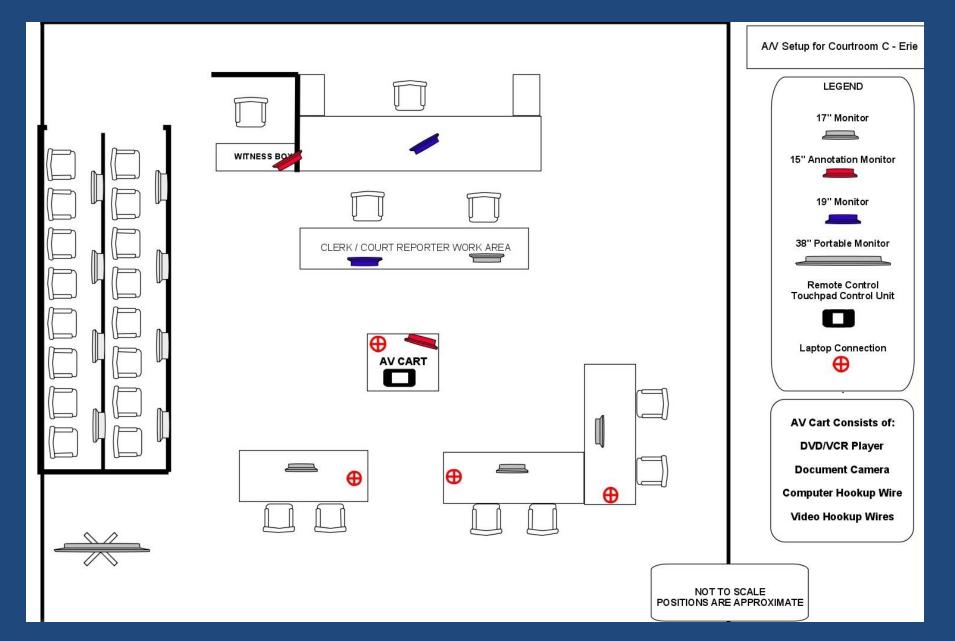
Courtrooms 3A, 3B, 5A, 5B, 7A, and 7C Chief Judge Conti and Judges, Ambrose, Fischer, Cercone, and Schwab



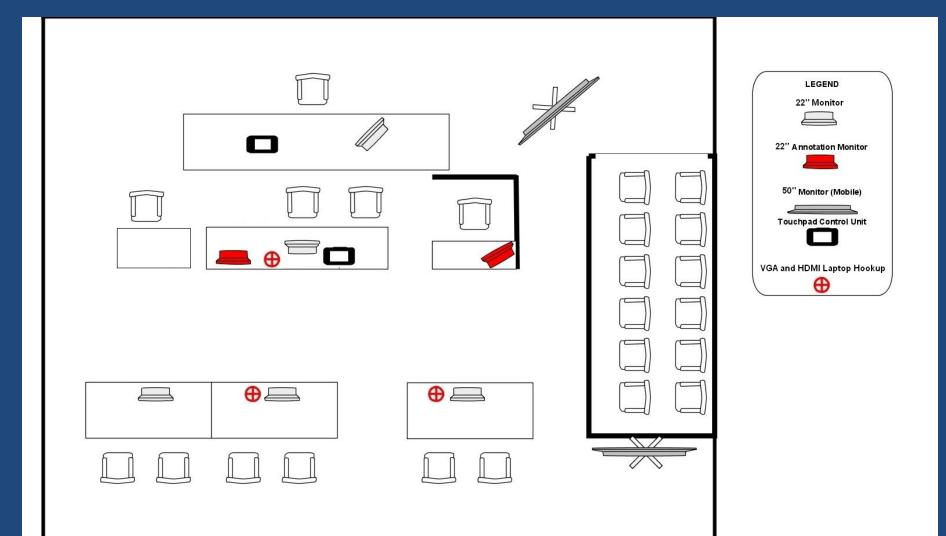
Magistrate Judge Baxter Erie Courtroom B



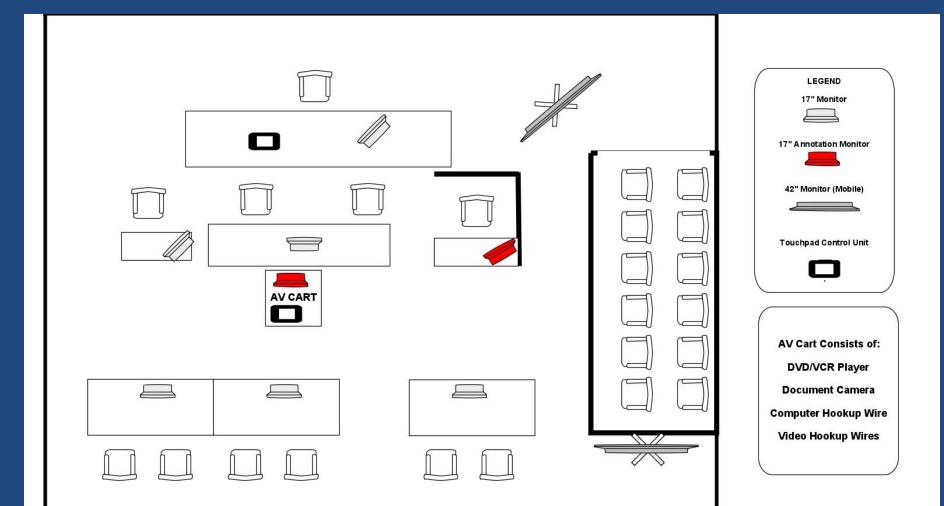
Erie Courtroom C



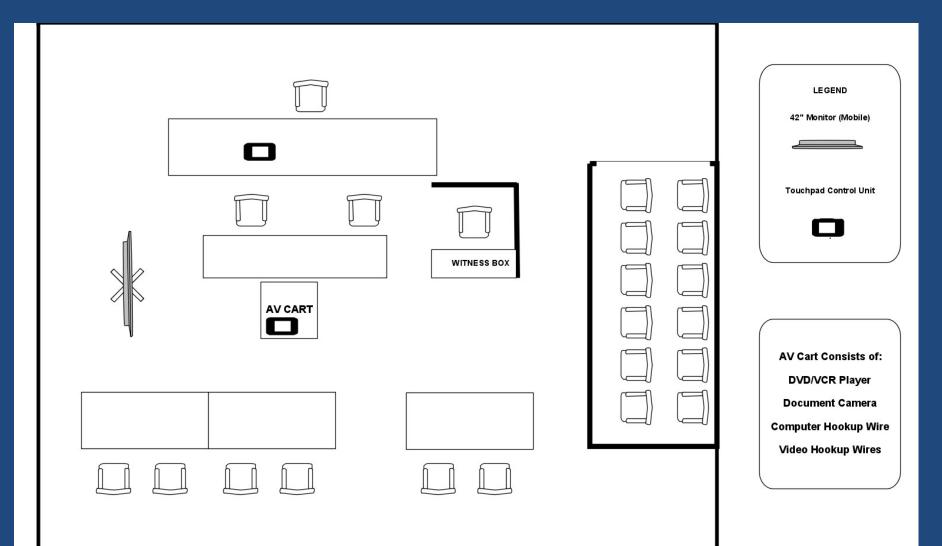
Courtrooms 6A Judge Hornak, 6B, and 6C



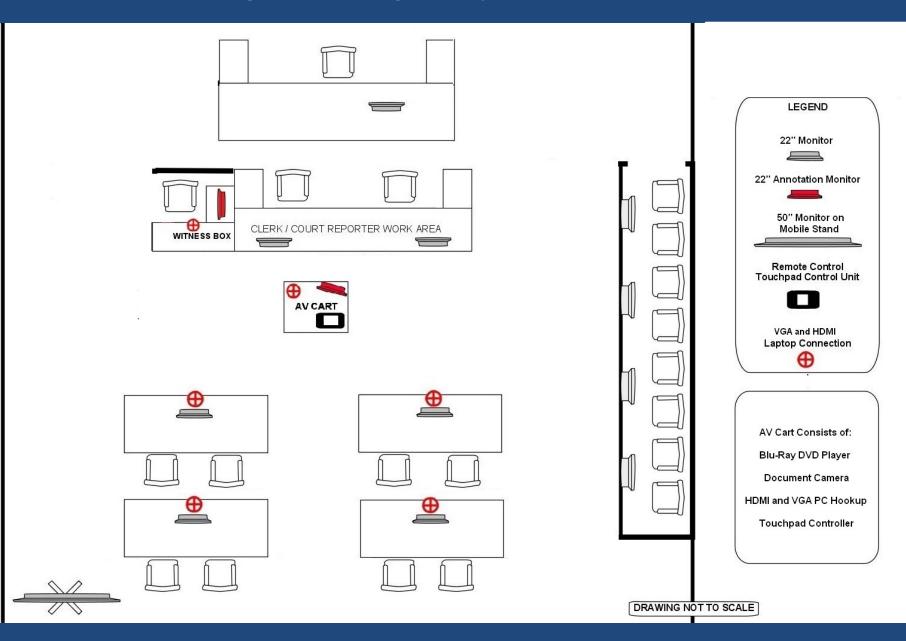
Courtrooms 8C Judge Bloch



Courtroom 8A and 8B Judge Diamond



Magistrate Judge Eddy Courtroom 10A

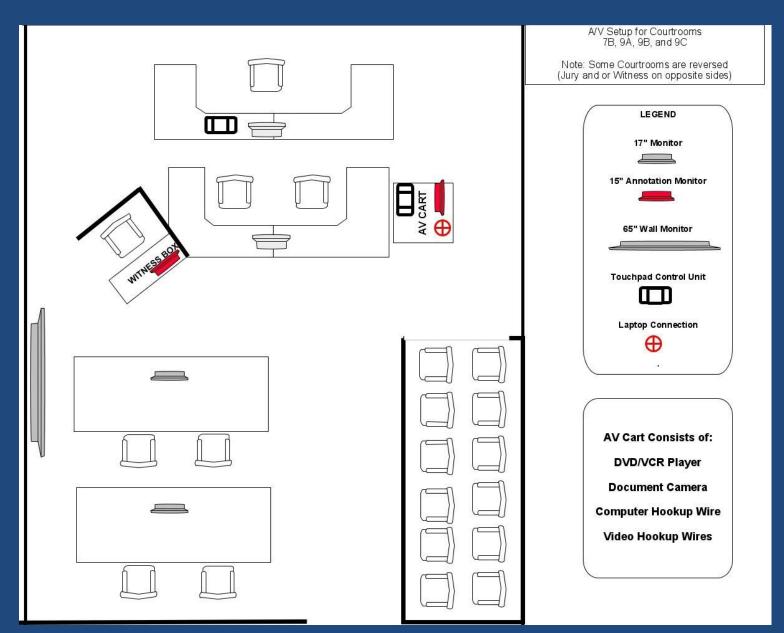


Magistrate / Johnstown Courtrooms

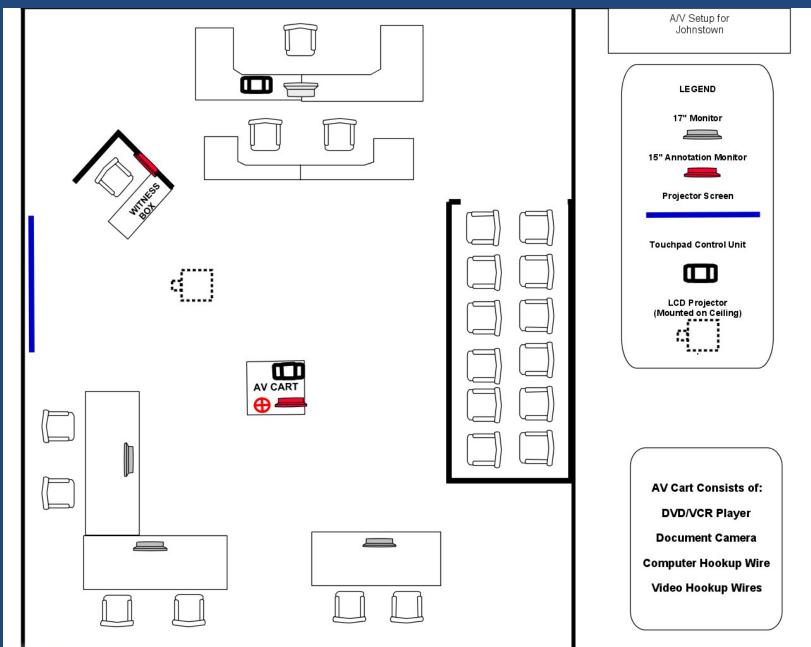
A/V Podium with DVD/VCR, Document Camera, A/V Inputs, Monitor with telestrator
65" wall mounted Plasma for Jurors LCD Projector and Screen in Johnstown
Monitor with telestrator for witness
Monitors for counsel tables, judge and clerk.
Touchpad setup similar to Senior Judges

Videoconferencing available in Pgh via portable equipment

Courtrooms 7B, 9B, and 9C Magistrate Judges Lenihan, Mitchell, and Kelly



Johnstown Judge Gibson



OPERATING THE EQUIPMENT

Using the Equipment (3rd, 5th, and 7th Floor)

COURT STAFF CONTROL

System Power on/off

Council table computer connections

Equipment in A/V Cart

Video/Audio Conference

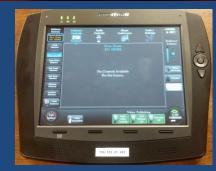
Can block images, mute evidence

PA system settings

Sidebar whitenoise







AV Carts





Cart Closed

Cart with Document Camera Open

Magistrate / Johnstown A/V Podiums



7B, 9th Floor and Johnstown



Courtroom 10A

Using the Equipment (All Courtrooms)

USER CONTROL

Use AV cart Touchpad

Activate Computer connection

Document Camera

DVD/VCR

Activate video/audio connection



Pittsburgh and Erie Courtrooms

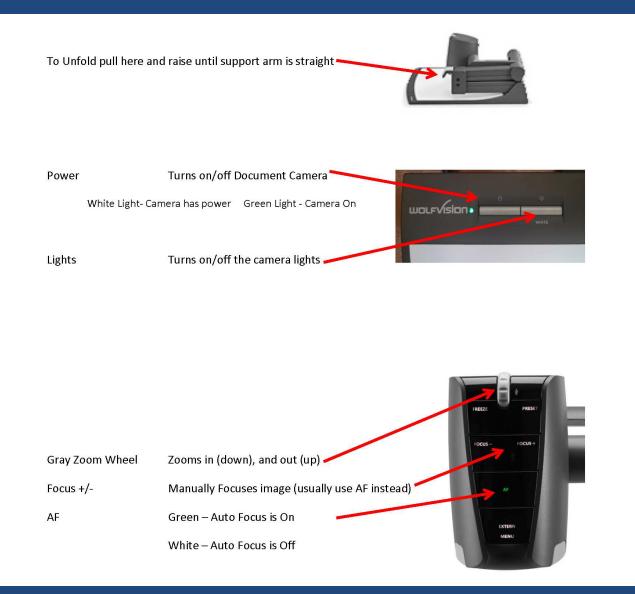


Pittsburgh Magistrate Courtrooms and Johnstown Courtroom

Touchpad Control



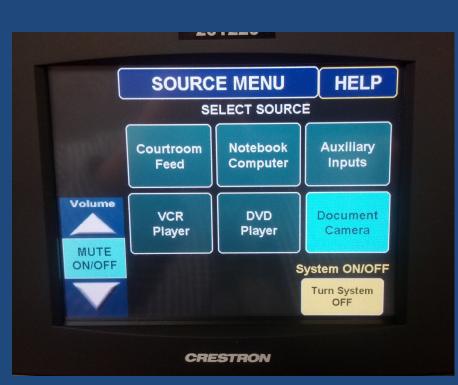
Document Camera Use



DVD/VCR Screen



Courtroom 10A

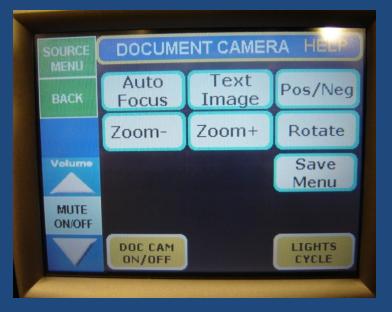






Courtrooms 7B, 9A, 9B, 9C, Johnstown







Annotation / Telestrator

Clear vs. Undo

Undo Erases last drawn item

Clear Erases ALL items



All courtrooms **BUT** 8A Cohill, and 8B Diamond have annotation

COMMON PROBLEMS

Avoiding Laptop Problems

Bring Any Accessories you may need power supply USB/Apple video to VGA adaptors if needed

Display port vs HDMI outputs and adaptors -Apple products typically can't go HDMI to VGA

Know how your laptop outputs a video signal Windows vs Apple defaults

Bring Backups of materials on an external or thumb drive

Common DVD Problems Playing OK at your home or office is not a guarantee of playing OK here

> Errors in creation or the type of recording performed may let it play fine on some DVD players, but not with others

DVDs can contain material that will only play with the use of a computer or on some DVD players but not all

Common Questions

Can I bring in a LCD projector and screen?

Yes, and we can assist you hooking it up to the system Some Judges do prefer that you do not bring in LCDs, check with clerk

Can you run my PC or play my Deposition? No, we suggest you hire a A/V Support Company

I have a hearing impaired client/witness Inform the Judge's staff prior to trial for accommodation

Prior to Trial

Schedule a Pre-trial meeting with chambers Bring Laptop, DVDs and other materials

Will make sure your laptop or adaptors connect OK

Can verify readability of exhibits

Video Conference Information Let court know as soon as possible to ensure equipment and hookup availability

Skype is possible via the Court's free WiFi but subject to the usual quality issues that Skype has. Must use your own Skype account on your computer

The Court SRONGLY recommends against Skype for use as a method of testifying remotely.

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