Courtroom Technology

U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Western District of North Carolina

Use of Technology in Court

- Bankruptcy Court uses "ad hoc" policy.
- The rule for using technology in court, "Check with Chambers".
- Includes appearing by telephone, video conferencing or using the evidence presentation equipment – ask.

Computers In Court

- Computers are Allowed
- **Charlotte, Asheville** - Wireless Internet Available
- "**AttorneyNet**" is Court's Free Wireless Network (Charlotte & Asheville)

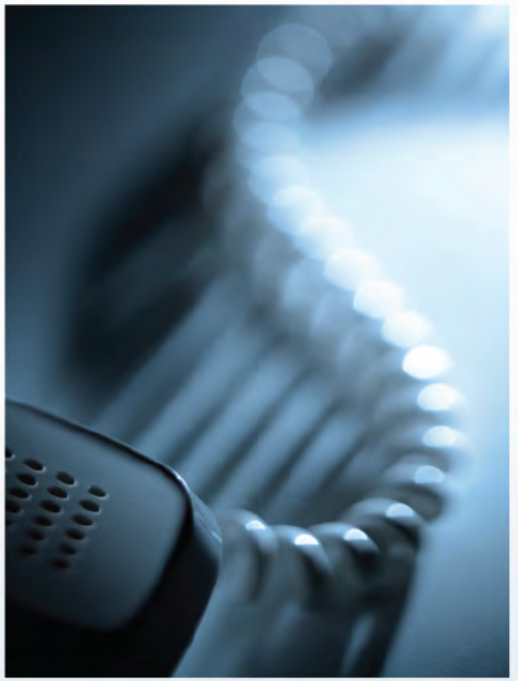
- **Telephone Conferencing**
  - Permission Required
  - 24 Hour Minimum Is Required
- **Video Conferencing**
  - Permission Required
  - 72 Hour Minimum Is Required
  - Test Connection Is Required
- **Evidence Presentation**
  - Permission Required
  - 48 Hour Minimum Is Required

Charlotte

Telephone Conferencing

Toll Free :

888-684-8852



- Permission is **Required**
- Chambers will issue ID Number

Courtroom Courtesy

- Call in 15 Minutes **BEFORE Court** Begins (not when your case begins)
- Place your phone on mute when not speaking
- Stay on the line until Court completes, or ask permission to disconnect
- Headsets not recommended (distorts audio)
- **NO CELLPHONES** allowed on conference calls

Reminders from the Chief Judge

- Remember your phone manners - your convenience should not negatively affect others
- If it's an evidentiary hearing, you need to physically be in Court
- No one appearing telephonically will be allowed to present or depose a witness
- Telephonic appearance are for members of the bar only

Local Rule 9029-1

- Counsel who are unable to attend hearings in person may appear before the Court by telephonic and/or video appearance only with the consent of the Court and opposing counsel and provided that arrangements are made in advance.
- The risk of poor reception or other problems is borne by the attorney requesting and initiating the telephonic and/or video appearance.

Evidence Presentation

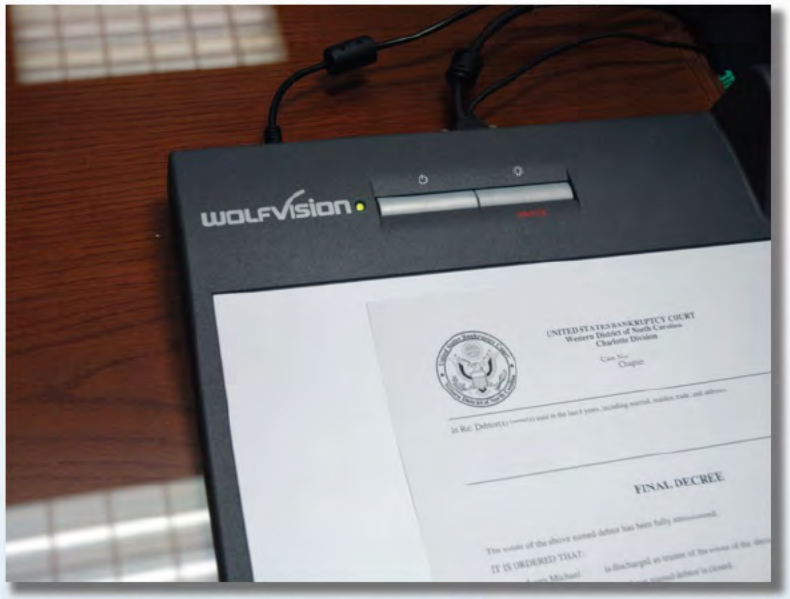
WOLFVISION Equipment

- Charlotte Courthouse Only
- Document Viewing
- Output to multiple courtroom sources
- Zoom Capable

WOLFVISION Visualizer

Remember the Record

Be mindful of documents to be used as evidence



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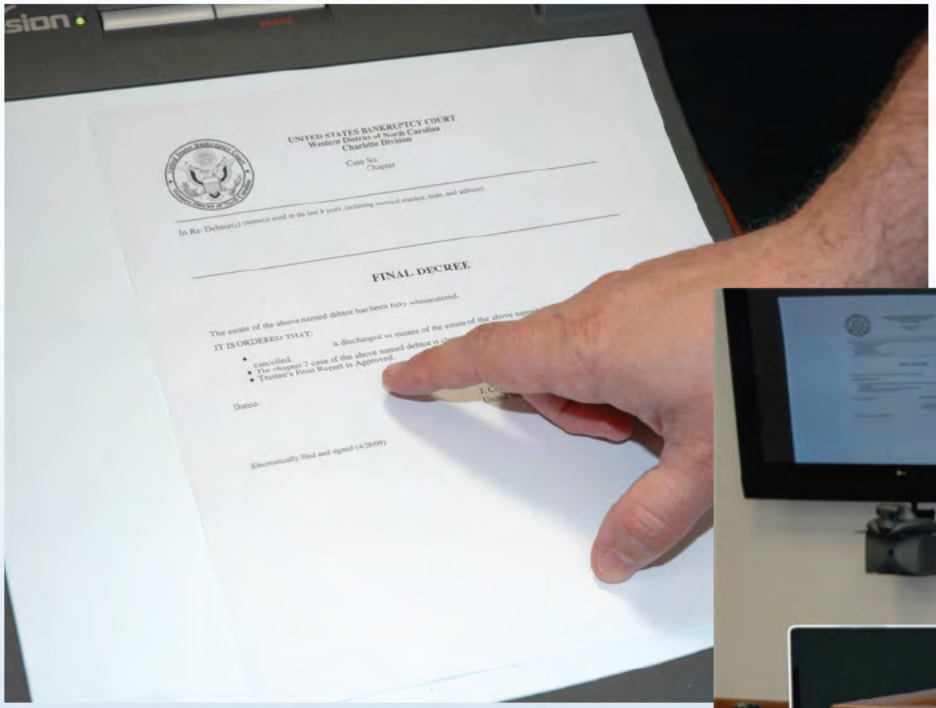
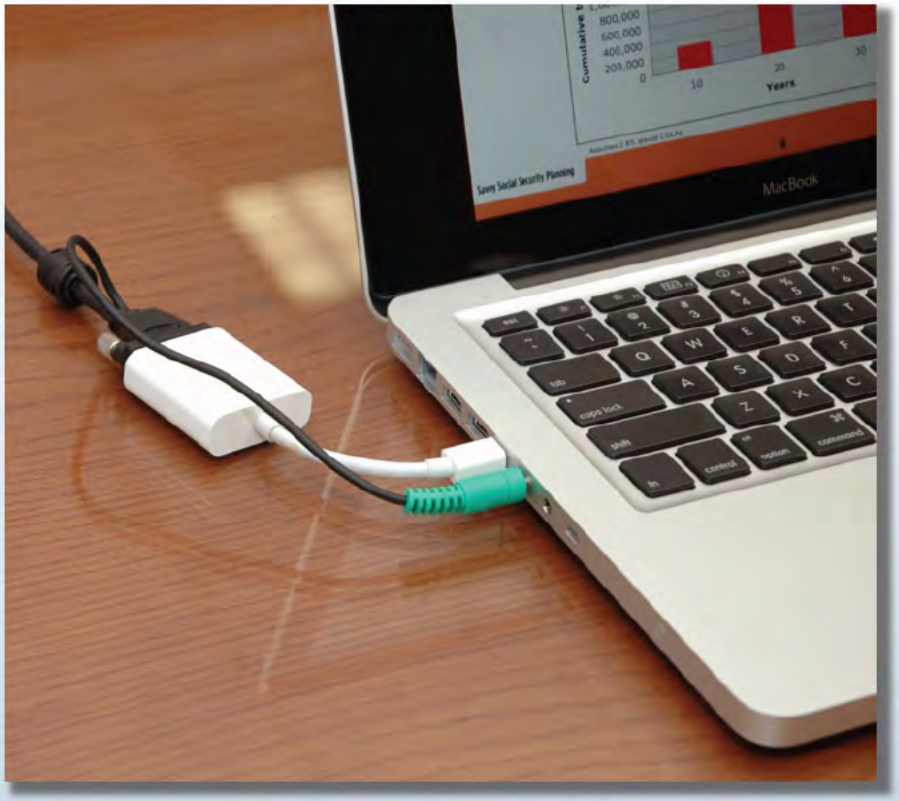

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
Western District of North Carolina
Charlotte Division
Case No.
Chapter
FINAL DECREE
The estate of the above named debtor has been fully administered.
IT IS ORDERED THAT:
Dated:
Electronically filed and signed (4/28/09)

Digital Evidence Presentation

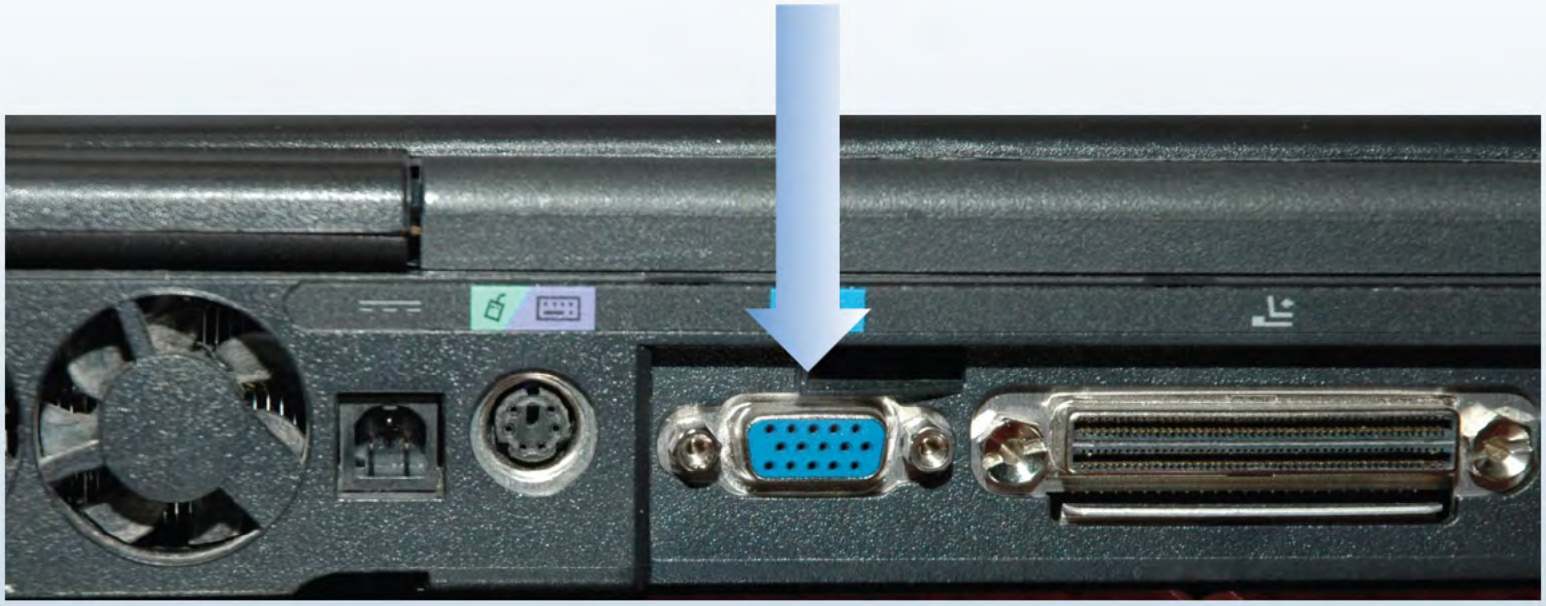
Charlotte Courthouse

- PC connection available
- PowerPoint, photos and other programs possible
- Connection requires standard VGA connection
- Standard Audio Port Available (3.5mm connector)



Computer Check

VGA Port

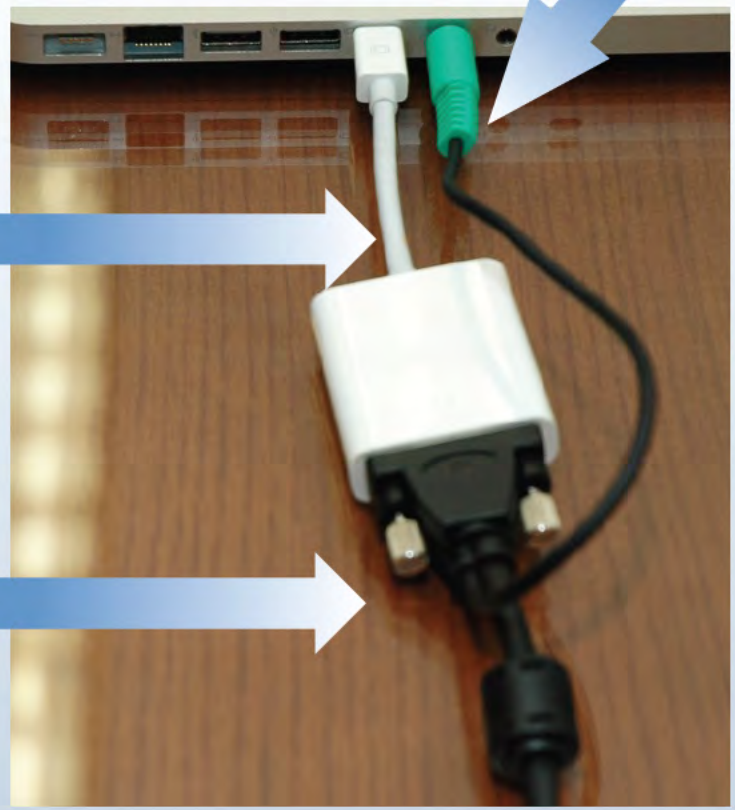


Computer Video

Audio Cable Built-In

Attorney Supplies:
Other Connector
If Needed

Court Supplies:
VGA Connection



Video Conferencing

- Charlotte Courthouse Only
- Case by Case basis with Judge's Approval
- Minimum 72 hour lead time need to:
  1. **Attorney:** Receive Court's Permission
  2. **Court: Verifies with District Court / Network Availability**
  3. **Attorney:** Provides Court with their connection information
  4. **Court:** Will test the connection with attorney's system
  5. **Attorney:** Other arrangements will be necessary, if testing does not meet Court's requirements

Technical Information

- Camera for video conferencing is required
- Video conferencing software may be needed if you are not using professional video conf. equipment

  (Example: Polycom PVX Video Conferencing Software)

- External Microphone is required
- **Fast Internet Connection**
  - *DSL not fast enough*
  - Connection with :
    - Download Speeds of 8-10 Mbps or Higher
    - Upload Speeds of 1 Mbps or Higher
    - Internet Speed Tester: www.speedtest.net

Thank You.

This information is available online at

Court's Website:

ncwb.uscourts.gov