

Hinds County Circuit Court Technology

Our Courts: Retrofitted for the 21st Century

Courtroom Evidence Presentation

Senior Circuit Judge Tomie Green is pleased to announce that with the support and assistance of the Mississippi/Hinds Library Commission, the Capital City Bar Association and Special Attorney General Ben Piazza, and the Hinds County Board of Supervisors, all four (4) of the state circuit court courtrooms in Hinds County are retrofitted with electronic trial presentation systems.

The electronic systems were installed with cutting –edge, easy to use technology to be used during civil and criminal trials. The nerve center of the system is the “Power Podium” which replaces the traditional lectern with a high-tech presentation platform that is networked to large screens located in front of the jury and smaller monitors for counsel tables. Attorneys have the ability to connect to the system through the use of personal laptops. With this new technology admissible evidence may be displayed to jurors, attorneys, and the media and courtroom visitors at the same time as a witness is testifying during trial.

The system is controlled from each of the circuit judge’s bench by a touch screen monitor. Attorneys are able to display and annotate documents, play CDs and DVDs, show animations, and video and audio clips using this state-of-the-art equipment.

Video Conferencing – Is Here!

On July 1, 2013, Hinds County’s Board of Supervisors implemented a communication system that will result in long term savings for the county’s citizens, courts and the Hinds County Sheriff’s Department. Video conferencing is now a reality and will save taxpayers thousands of dollars in travel expenses incurred in the transport of prisoners between the Raymond Detention Center and the courthouse in Jackson, Mississippi. It will also substantially cut the risk of injury and liability relative to Sheriffs deputies, court personnel and inmates.

The video conferencing system will allow incarcerated inmates in the Raymond Detention Center to appear “in real time” for arraignment and motions and/or hearings (along with their attorneys and the prosecutors) before the circuit judges who will be sitting on their benches in the Jackson courtrooms. The media, family members and the public will be able to view the proceedings from the courtroom simultaneously with the judges.

E-Filing in Hinds County Circuit is coming!

On June 16, 2013, Senior Judge Tomie Green signed an order authorizing e-filing in Hinds County Circuit Court. We anticipate online filing to be completed and functioning on or before January 14, 2014.