

**Audio and Video Systems
in the
U.S. FEDERAL COURTHOUSE
Corpus Christi, Texas**



**The following technologies are available in the Corpus Christi, Texas
U.S. Courthouse:**

**Audio Systems
Video Systems
Teleconferencing Systems
Videoconferencing Systems
Visual Presentation Systems
Interpreter and Hearing Impaired systems**

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Audio Systems

The Corpus Christi Federal Courthouse has 5 courtrooms; two District courtrooms, two Magistrate Courtrooms and one Bankruptcy courtroom. Each courtroom is equipped with a digital recording system. All proceedings are recorded on a computer using FTR Gold Recording software. A copy of each proceeding can be obtained through the courts on CD-ROM or cassette tape. The FTR Player Plus software is required to listen to the digital audio recordings on a computer. FTR Player Plus is available as a free download through www.ftrgold.com. Please contact the courtroom Electronic Recording Operator for each courtroom for more details.

All audio is controlled through touch panels located at the clerk's bench and the Judge's bench.

Bench Conference

This turns off all microphones from the courtroom audio system so that the entire courtroom does not hear what is being said at side bar. However, the microphones located at the side bar continue to feed into the digital recording. White noise or music is turned on in the jury box so that jurors are not able to hear what is being discussed at side bar.

Playback

Each courtroom has the ability to playback any previous recording. Whether it be from the previous 15 minutes of a hearing or several days or months back, the Electronic Operator can playback any audio recording while recording the current proceeding.

Auxiliary sources

The audio levels from all auxiliary sources are controlled by the touch panels. VCRs, camcorders, cassette players, etc. can be directly connected into the courts audio system. Plugging auxiliary sources directly into the courts audio system allows the audio to be played through the courtroom P.A. system and also feeds the audio directly into the recording. Audio cables can be borrowed from the courts Systems department.

Interpreter and Hearing Impaired Systems

An infrared transmitter is mounted on the ceiling in each corner behind the Judge's bench. The transmitter sends audio signals to headsets. The headsets are provided in the courtroom for hearing impaired and for foreign language speakers. Users should wear the headset under the chin, with the glass eye facing out. It is important that the user does not cover the glass eye because it receives the signals from the transmitter. It is also important for the user to face the transmitter for clearest reception

Judge Janis Jack's District Courtroom #319D

Available systems

- Audio system with digital recording
- Video System
- Teleconferencing
- Visual presentation system
- Interpreter and Hearing Impaired System

At the lectern

- < Panasonic AG-1980 SVHS/VHS VCR
- < Canon Document Camera DZ3600U
- < Touch Screen with Boeckeler Pointmaker for annotation chalkboard or overlay of video and computer images. A snapshot of the image with the overlay drawing can be printed by the clerk.
- < Micron Pent. IV 1.5 Ghz PC running Windows XP. Software: WordPerfect 9.0, Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Internet Access using Internet Explorer or Netscape Navigator. Westlaw, Windock, Webdock and Pacer access.

Available Inputs:

- < VGA input for a laptop
- < RCA Audio input
- < Analog telephone line
- < Power strip

Behind the Clerk's Bench

- < Sony UP-2300 printer to print images displayed from the VCR, the document camera or any other computer input with an overlay from the Boeckeler Pointmaker.
- < Touch panel that controls all video and audio systems.

Counsel Tables

Each table has one flat panel monitor. Audio/Video inputs at each counsel table allow attorneys to display computer video and audio from a laptop. Other devices such as camcorders and cassette players can also be input at the tables. Plugging in video allows you to display your video throughout the various displays in the courtroom and audio to play directly into the courts digital recording system and through the courtroom sound system.

- < 1 - S-Video input
- < 1- VGA input
- < 1- Composite video input
- < 1- RCA audio input
- < 1- analog phone line
- < 1 - power strip

Output/Display Devices

- < Barco Projector 6300DLC mounted in the wall
- < 10' ceiling mounted projection screen
- < 8 flat panels monitors in jury box.
- < 1 flat panel at each counsel table
- < Judge's Bench flat panel
- < Case Manager's flat panel
- < Touch Screen at the lectern
- < Touch Screen on the witness bench

The touch screens panels display all video presentations and allow you to draw using your finger as an overlay to the current image or as a whiteboard.

Judge Hayden Head's District Courtroom #310D

Available systems

- < Audio system with digital recording
- < Teleconferencing
- < Visual presentation cart
- < Interpreter and Hearing Impaired System

Mobile Presentation Cart

- < Panasonic AG-1980 SVHS/VHS VCR
- < Canon Document Camera DZ3600U
- < Touch Screen with Boeckeler Pointmaker for annotation chalkboard or to draw an overlay of video and computer images. A snapshot of the image with the overlay drawing can be printed by the clerk.

Available Inputs:

- < VGA input for a laptop
- < Audio input

Behind the Clerk's Bench

- < Sony UP-2300 printer to print images displayed from the VCR, the document camera or any other computer input with an overlay from the Boeckeler Pointmaker.
- < Touch panel that controls all video and audio systems.

Counsel Tables

Each table has one flat panel monitor. Audio/Video inputs at each counsel table allow attorneys to display computer video and audio from a laptop. Other devices such as camcorders and cassette players can also be input at the tables. Plugging in video allows you to display your video throughout the various displays in the courtroom and audio to play directly into the courts digital recording system and through the courtroom sound system.

- < 1 - S-Video input
- < 1- VGA input
- < 1- Composite Video input
- < 1- RCA audio input
- < 1-analog phone line
- < 1- Power strip

Output/Display Devices

- < Barco Projector 6300DLC mounted in the wall
- < 10' ceiling mounted projection screen
- < Touch Screen on the presentation cart
- < Touch Screen on the witness bench

The touch screens panels display all video presentations and allow you to draw using your finger as an overlay to the current image or as a whiteboard.

***Although both Magistrate courtrooms have video inputs, there are no video outputs currently setup in these courtrooms. There is not a permanent projector or any flat panels monitors. Check with the courts Systems department for possible equipment setups.**

Magistrate Jane Cooper-Hill # 318D

Available systems:

- < Audio system with Digital Recording
- < Teleconferencing
- < **Videoconferencing System**
- < Interpreter and Hearing Impaired System

Counsel Tables:

- < Table 1 - RCA Audio input
- < Power strip

Lectern:

- < 10' ceiling mounted projection screen
- < RCA audio input
- < S-Video input
- < VGA input
- < Composite video input

Judge Janice Ellington's Magistrate Courtroom # 311D

Available systems:

- < Audio system with Digital Recording
- < Teleconferencing
- < Interpreter and Hearing Impaired System

Counsel Tables:

- < Table 1 - RCA Audio input
- < Power strip

Lectern:

- < 10' ceiling mounted projection screen
- < RCA audio input
- < S-Video input
- < VGA input
- < Composite video input

Judge Richard Schmidt's Bankruptcy Courtroom # 223D

Available systems:

- < Audio system with Digital Recording
- < Teleconferencing System
- < **Video Conferencing System**
- < Interpreter and Hearing Impaired System

Counsel Tables:

Table 1

- < Analog phone line
- < flat panel monitor

Table 2

- < Analog phone line
- < RCA Audio input
- < Flat panel monitor

Visual Presentation System at the Lectern:

- < 10' ceiling mounted projection screen
- < NEC MultiSync MT1040 projector
- < Panasonic AG-1330 VHS VCR
- < Canon RE-350 document camera that can also be used with videoconferencing
- < VGA input
- < RCA audio input