

Trial practice is changing – and changing rapidly. Data collected in 2003 by the Federal Judicial Center indicates that approximately one quarter of United States district court courtrooms are technology-enhanced on a permanent basis. Many more have portable equipment. Judges have noted that courtroom technology in trial can result in a 25% to 50% time savings.

From the trial lawyer’s perspective, technology also permits counsel to do a better job of presenting evidence – and a better job of persuading the fact finder. While it is obvious that technology enriches trial work, competent use of courtroom technology requires knowledge of its capabilities and practice.

*Technology Augmented Trial Advocacy Certification Course: Trial Practice for Today’s Litigator* has been carefully designed to introduce you to the basics needed to become a successful courtroom-technology-enhanced trial lawyer.

During this two-day course, you will practice creating and delivering persuasive courtroom presentations using the most popular hardware and presentation software available in today’s courtrooms. You will have the opportunity to partner with other participants to “try” a case using state-of-the-art technology. You will learn to:

- Use PowerPoint® and legal presentation software to enhance your evidence presentations
- Create persuasive slides for evidence, openings and closings
- Create presentations using digital pictures, video, and scanned documents to highlight and display your evidence
- Call attention to digital exhibits during witness testimony
- Annotate electronic exhibits on-the-fly

Additionally, after successful completion of this course you will be certified by the Center for Legal and Court Technology and the Courtroom 21 Project as a Basic Technology-Augmented Trial Lawyer.

Former attendees have said:

“Great program – in the forefront - necessary for most litigators practicing today.” -- A member of the Oregon Chapter of the Federal Bar Association

“This was the best CLE I’ve been to in over a decade.” -- A member of the Oregon Chapter of the Federal Bar Association

“It was an excellent experience and provides great incentive to learn more.” – A participant from Reston, Virginia

“This is a very comprehensive program designed to bring a beginner up to speed, but also very useful to a more experienced trial lawyer... I would highly recommend it to lawyers

with different levels of trial experience.” – A member of the Oregon chapter of the Federal Bar Association

The *Center for Legal and Court Technology* [CLCT] provides lawyers, judges, court technologists and litigation support staff around the world with training and legal education programs, both live and online. Our online courses will soon be available on demand at our website [[www.legaltechcenter.net](http://www.legaltechcenter.net) or [www.courtroom21.net](http://www.courtroom21.net)]. Live courses are scheduled throughout the year. To see the latest course schedules please view our training calendar .

*Note: Many of CLCT's courses can be provided on-site for large groups and can be tailored to meet your specific needs. Contact us for more details.*

## PROGRAM CONTENT

- *Why counsel should care - courtroom technology for success and efficiency:* Introduction to courtroom technology in the United States and why that technology is of value to trial lawyers
- *Technology at trial:* A demonstration trial by high tech trial lawyers
- *Successful use of litigation technology:* Review available technology strengths and weaknesses with practical suggestions for trial use. Includes an introduction to presentation and litigation support software and the use of effective courtroom equipment - a high tech alternative to blackboards and flip-charts
- *Technology instruction:* Practical, hands-on instruction in key courtroom technologies
- *Skills exercises:* Direct and cross-examination exercises as well as opening and closing argument drills using technology. Critique and discussion follow the exercises.
- *The interrelationship of the Constitution, Federal Rules of Evidence, customary practice and technology-created or presented evidence:* Preparing counsel to make and respond to objections common to technology-enhanced litigation
- *Hands-on one-hour trial:* Partnering up in teams of two to try a criminal or civil case using learned technology while building on practical exercises
- *What can hurt you (or your client): Metadata, attorney client privilege and the practice of law in the 21<sup>st</sup> century* (ethics program): Offers attorneys a primer on how to handle commonplace situations that can create ethical problems including sending electronic documents to clients or opposing counsel via e-mail and other 21<sup>st</sup> century ethical quandaries.