

Technology in the Courtroom

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1. Use of PowerPoint
 - a. Effective use as a communication tool
 - i. Consistency
 - ii. Simplicity
 - iii. Familiarity
 - b. Tips and Tricks for a good presentation
2. Setting up Equipment
 - a. Checking out Carts
 - b. Projectors, TVs, Clickers, Etc.
 - i. Set-up demonstration and practice
3. Digital Media During Trial
 - a. Digital Media Requests
 - b. Tricks for using the shared drive
 - c. Making exhibits
 - d. Filling out digital media requests – what information is actually needed
4. TrialPad in Court
 - a. Demonstration of how to use TrialPad
 - b. Discussion of Getting an Office iPad or Computer

DIGITAL MEDIA UNIT REQUEST FORM

(Submit Separate Form for Each Item)

Date: _____

DUE DATE / TIME: _____

(Not ASAP)

People v. _____

DDA Assigned: _____

Case No: _____

Contact No: _____

☐ Felony☐ Misdemeanor☐ Juvenile

Brief description of case: _____



Use FILE NAMES and submit 72 hours in advance (when possible).
IMPORTANT: Requests require *original* media.

**PHOTOBOARD REQUEST****MAPS: Attach printout from Internet Site with EXACT ADDRESS (required) and Area Defined**Photo Board ☐ Aerial Photo: ☐ Street Map ☐ Diagram ☐ No. of Boards: _____**FILE
NAME(S)**

Location: _____

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Media Attached: _____

File names and order. Use back for detail, diagram/sketch etc.

**AUDIO REQUEST: ATTACH TRANSCRIPT(S)****HIGHLIGHT Redactions and Edits and ATTACH TRANSCRIPT(S)**

- Attach Media
- List File Name(s)

**VIDEO / DVD REQUEST: Surveillance, Interview or Other _____**
(Circle One)

- Attach Media
- List File Name(s)

Description of exhibit to print on audio label or DVD label and DVD MENU
(ex. "Kohl's Surveillance Video, 8-1-13")

Notes:

Use back of page for more detailed instructions.

Date Completed: _____**Time to Complete:** _____

Processed by: _____

Please no staples or binder clips to attach disks. DIGITAL MEDIA UNIT: 654-2300

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

COUNTY OF VENTURA

**Pre-Approval - Professional Development Reimbursement
for Mobile Computer Purchase**

Name:

Date:

Employee ID #:

Date of Last Mobile Computer Reimbursement:

Brand, Model, and Storage Capacity of Proposed Purchase:

Description of Planned Business Use:

I understand and agree to the Guidelines – Professional Development Reimbursement for Mobile Computer Purchase (attached). I understand that reimbursement is limited to my available annual Professional Development Reimbursement balance and that final reimbursement requires submission of an itemized receipt with the Professional Development Reimbursement form.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Approved / Denied:

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Chief Deputy District Attorney

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Effective use of PowerPoint

- Consistency
- Simplicity
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Consistency

- Choose a sans serif font as it is easier to read.
- Use no font smaller than 24pt
- Use the same size font for all your headings
- No more than 6-10 words per line
- Avoid using ALL CAPS
- Be consistent with animations

Permissive Inference of .08% BAC

If the People have proved beyond a reasonable doubt that a **sample of the defendant's blood** was taken **within three hours** of the defendant's alleged driving and that a chemical analysis of the sample showed a blood alcohol level of .08 percent or more, you may, but are not required to **conclude that the defendant's blood alcohol level was .08 percent** or more at the time of the alleged offense.

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What Is "Under the Influence" ?

As a result of consuming an alcoholic beverage, his mental or physical abilities are so impaired that he is no longer able to drive with. . .

Simplicity

- Use as little text as possible
- Clearly label each screen
- Avoid long sentences
- Avoid abbreviations and acronyms
- Use a pleasing color scheme
- Use animations sparingly and simply

Preliminary Alcohol Screening

20 Minutes After Driving=

.069% BAC*

.079% BAC

.084% BAC

Familiarity

- Your PowerPoint is not your outline
- Do not read your slides
- Practice with your slides
- Have someone watch your presentation and give feedback

"It's your word against mine"

- He didn't make any excuses for driving the car
- He didn't say someone had lent it to him or that he had permission
- He denied driving completely.
- HE THOUGHT HE HAD TRICKED THE POLICE
- He didn't know that he was being followed by an undercover detective.

Setting Up Equipment

- Get to court early
- Have a practice run before you start
- Ask for help in case of emergency

Exhibits and Digital Media

- Develop a good reputation with Paula Miller and Jake Topolinski
- Get requests in as early as possible
- Be as detailed as possible in your requests
- Use the shared drive
- Shared > Litigation Support > Last Name

Exhibits and Digital Media

- Think logically about making exhibits
- Always have at least one exhibit
- Give the jury something to hold or see other than witness testimony
- Don't print to the wrong printer!

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Trial Pad

- Getting an iPad
- Setting up
- Using in court

ACTIVITY EVALUATION FORM FOR CALIFORNIA MCLE

Please complete and return to Provider (Please Print)

Provider Name: Ventura County District Attorney's Office Provider Number: 1130

Title of Activity: Technology in the Courtroom

Date(s) of Activity: November 3, 2016

Time of Activity: 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Location of Activity: HOJ: Room 308 Ventura, CA

Please indicate your evaluation of this course by completing the table below

Question	Yes	No	Comments
Did this program meet your educational objectives?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Were you provided with substantive written materials?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Did the course update or keep you informed of your legal responsibilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Did the activity contain significant professional content?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Was the environment suitable for learning (e.g., temperature, noise, lighting, etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Please rate the instructor(s) of the course below

Instructor's Name and Subject Taught	On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being Poor and 5 being Excellent, please rate the items below	Rate 1 – 5
Michael Kern, DDA	Overall Teaching Effectiveness	—
	Knowledge of Subject Matter	—

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Top portion of form to be completed by the MCLE Provider

Location of Activity (City, State): HOJ: Room 308 Ventura, CA

- Legal Ethics _____
- Elimination of Bias in the Legal Profession _____
- Prevention, Detection and Treatment of Substance Abuse/Mental Illness that Impairs Professional Competence _____

Signature _____