

### Using Multimedia in Legal Proceedings

#### Documents & Pictures

With the Generative Power of a Computer, Lawyers Can Shape an Adam or Eve to Demonstrate All Sorts of Things

David Shuman knows the power of a good medical illustration. A defense lawyer in Charleston, W.Va., S

Days before the scheduled trial, Shuman decided to gamble and take his demonstrative evidence-a seri

The most common case materials to present in trial are documents and photographs. In order to present these documents in a digital format to draw, enlarge, or place side by side, it is necessary to convert them into a digital format. Imaging software is used to convert paper documents and photographs into a digital format.

Imaging software's primary function is to provide the user with the ability to scan a piece of paper, photograph or other document into a computer, resulting in an image of the document. This "electronic snapshot" of the document then is available to view, enlarge, draw on and present in legal proceeding.

For further information on how to turn your documents into images, see Chapter 6, Imaging. Also, see Chapter 8, Presentation Software for document presentation techniques.