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Presentation Software

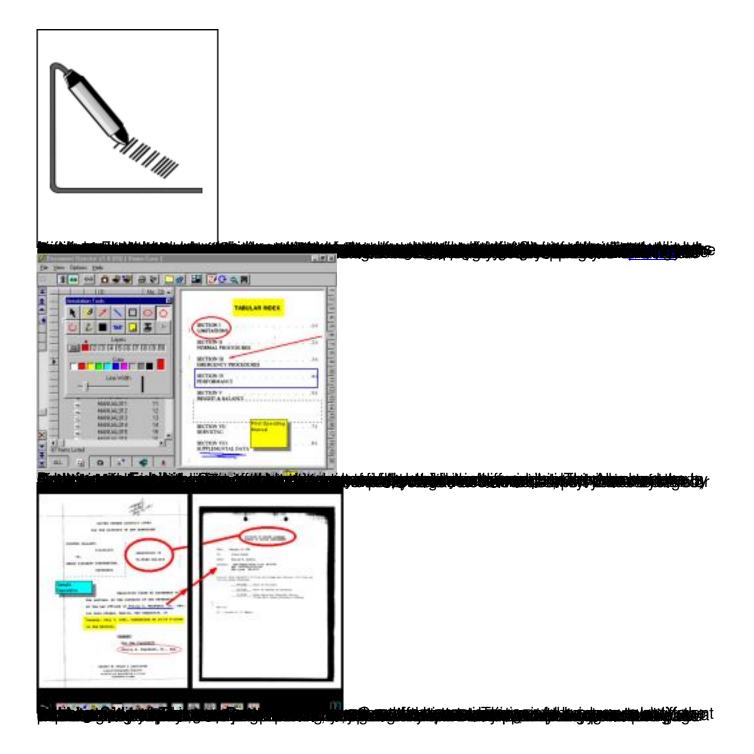
After you have created visuals for a case or imaged in documents, then presentation software is needed to display these digital exhibits to the trier of fact. The presentation software you choose should enable you to easily retrieve the digitized evidence and then use specialized tools to enhance and draw attention to specific portions of the exhibit for the legal audience's benefit. The capability to focus the trier of fact upon the specific portions of a document or other digitized evidence for everyone to view simultaneously cannot be overstated. A word of caution, whatever presentation software you use, ensure that it will display the graphics or image in the file format that you captured or created the documents in.

There are some presentation software programs that were developed specifically for the needs of the legal profession and are available for purchase. For example, Trial Director[™] Sanction, Visionary, Anix and Summation Vupoint[™] are trial presentation software. Trial presentation software is generally able to display demonstrative exhibits, animations, graphics, sound, video and any other type of information that has been digitized. This software enables you to retrieve the digitized evidence by bar codes or touchscreen and has many other features that are explained below.

General graphics or image software packages have some limited built in presentation features that may fulfill your presentation needs. For example, PowerPoint[™] enables you to create a "screenshow" to show your bullet slides, charts, or graphs created within the program.

There are a number of graphic, image, and animation service bureaus that will prepare your images and graphics for presentation in the courtroom. Along with this service, they will provide customized presentation software and equipment for the duration of the case. They are generally experts in the preparation of graphics and animations and will provide in-court assistance for the presentation of your case. Some service bureaus to consider are inData (www.indatacorp.com), Verdict Systems (www.verdictsystems.com), Lex Solutio (www.lexsolutio.com), TrialPro (www.trialpro.com), Doar Communications (www.doar.com), and Z-axis (www.zaxis.com).

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