

Using Multimedia in Legal Proceedings

Videoconferencing

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| Defense counsel: | If it pleases the court, the defendant offers witness Ed |
| Plaintiff's counsel: | Objection, your honor, we request that the witness be prese |
| Defense counsel: | Your honor, the witness is out of state and unavailable to te |
| Plaintiff's counsel: | Your honor, the witness is available |
| Witness (Edward Diamond): | Good morning your honor. |
| Judge: | Good morning, Mr. Diamond |
| Defense counsel: | Your honor, we still object since it is necessary to have his |
| Plaintiff's counsel: | Your honor, a court reporter is with the witness and as an o |
| Judge: | Everything seems proper, would the court reporter please a |

Given that judges, counsel and witnesses need not be in the same location, the pos

This type of “virtual” witness videoconferencing is beginning to be used in courts across the country. The witness and court reporter are connected to the “court” using ISDN or other broadband connection lines. With the cost barriers rapidly diminishing, the use of video conferencing for client contact, depositions, witness testimony and many other uses will increase greatly. For further discussion on videoconferencing refer to Chapter 4, The Internet and Telecommunications; Chapter 6, and Chapter 7, Videoconferencing.