

Using Multimedia in Legal Proceedings

Conclusion

This has been the final section of an examination of an exciting time in our profession. The employment of technology in the courtroom can provide a significant advantage if properly used. However, the never-ending objective must be on convincing the trier of fact of your position. Technologies are tools in a courtroom to assist you in your case. They should never be used as a crutch. They can display legal and factual information in a fast, easily accessible form, assist in maintaining the attention of the trier of fact, and enable one to keep the factfinder focus on the theories, elements and factual propositions of your case. The reaction of the participants to the use of technology must be monitored to ensure one is not perceived as overreaching and that the technology is not interfering with your communication with the jury.