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**Center for Legal and Court Technology Presentations at CTC 10 Show  
Scope of Courtroom and Related Technology**

**(October 15, 2007 | Williamsburg, Virginia)** Earlier this month, the National Center for State Courts conducted its 10<sup>th</sup> Court Technology Conference (CTC10) at the Tampa, Florida Convention Center. Sessions conducted by the Center for Legal and Court Technology (CLCT) demonstrated the ever-increasing scope and effect of courtroom and related technology.

Conducted by Fred Lederer, William & Mary Law School Chancellor Professor and Director of CLCT, the CLCT keynote session "The State of Courtroom Technology Today," reviewed developments since CTC9 two years ago. A near standing room audience heard co-presenter Allision Stanfield of e-Law explain the Australian method of court-centric evidence collection and presentation, live from Sydney via video-conferencing. Professor Lederer's presentation placed special emphasis on CLCT's 2006 experimental assistive-technology trial, which demonstrated how technology could be used to assist those in the courtroom with special vision, hearing, and mobility. To loud applause, he announced the creation of the Accessible Courts Initiative, a partnership between CLCT and the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) to provide courts and law firms with assistance to enable them to improve how they work with and provide services to those with special needs. Rick Bowes of AFB's consulting Group joined Professor Lederer for the well-received announcement.

In a later session, Professor Lederer reviewed "Remote Technologies – The Next Generation." Sharon Duncan of the Virginia Supreme Court demonstrated how to use videoconferencing connections to transmit court orders. In his last session, Professor Lederer presented, "High-Tech Help (Toys) for Lawyers and Judges to a packed room. The technologies discussed included io Display's SVGA iglasses, that substitute for a computer monitor, and Tablet Lawyer's tablet PC with handwriting recognition.

CLCT Associate Director Stacey-Rae Simcox made a number of standing-room presentations oriented towards judges and lawyers: "What's The 'Meta' With Your Documents", a session designed to explain the ethical and practical dangers of electronic document "metadata;" "E-Discovery Under the New Federal Rules of Civil Procedure – Meet and Confer," "PowerPoint and Evidentiary Concerns," and "Electronic Data Seizures – A Legal Review".

In conjunction with Alan Carlson of the Justice Management Institute, Professor Rebecca Hulse, CLCT's Assistant Director for Technology and Privacy, addressed "Privacy in a Technological World," covering the privacy and access

implications of e-filing, public web access to court records, the sealing of criminal history records, and electronic access to live court proceedings. With colleagues from Florida's ninth judicial circuit and Biamp Systems, Martin Gruen, CLCT's Deputy Director for Courtroom Design and Technology, discussed innovative ways of handling "Remote and Effective Interpretation".

Prominently featured on the exhibition floor, CLCT's large portable courtroom was again an impressive educational venue. The display featured a full courtroom along with assistive technologies, an interpretation area, and courtroom reporting hardware and software. Subsequently, one international visitor said, "When I saw your courtrooms, they are really so amazing!!! Really the best hi-tech equipped courtrooms in the Universe. You really did think of everything."

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