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**Trial Technology**

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EXAMPLE Multimedia  
Insertion into an  
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Document

**Document Camera, Visual Presenter a/k/a "ELMO"**

All El Paso District and County courts have their own "Elmo" system. The El Paso Elmos allow you to connect your notebook computer to the system which greatly enhances your presentation capabilities. But first let's explore the basic system.

The Elmo (a brand name) or video platform (also known as an document camera, evidence camera, visual presenter, or evidence presenter) is simply a small TV camera mounted on an arm that is extended over a platform base that is essentially a light box. The Elmo is lightweight and can be easily transported. It plugs into a standard AC outlet and mobile consoles house "Elmo" along with other technical presentation hardware (VCR and photo printer). In court, the Elmo is simple to set up. The Elmo is hooked up (connected) by a single cable to a video projector along with several video monitors. The video projector is pointed toward a large screen (usually an eight foot or ten foot screen).

The Elmo will then display an image of any item that is placed on the video platform onto the large screen and any connected and empowered monitors. To be an effective presenter of tangible evidence, you must learn to competently operate an Elmo. It's a terrific low-tech