

Overview of Technology CLE on March 9 at UNH Law School

Tim Watkins - Federal Public Defender, Boston Office

Tim will discuss the issues surrounding the growing amount of information that is received in discovery and the increased complexity of the data that is provided. Cases that once were a few folders of paper now fill multiple CDs, DVDs and flash drives. Electronic files of various types are provided routinely that prove difficult to open on your computer. This talk will feature a primer on various file formats that are being provided in discovery, some of the options available for reviewing and analyzing the discovery more effectively, how to handle a potential avalanche of data, and how to effectively grapple with that avalanche at trial.

Doug Rooney - Litigation Technology Consultant, Boston

Doug will start with an overview of traditional courtroom presentation techniques and address their strengths and weaknesses. He will then provide an analysis of tools designed to enhance those traditional methods, including trial presentation software, timeline software and 3-D animation. He will discuss the logistical considerations that need to be considered prior to trial to ensure the deployment of the technology in the courtroom, the cost of technology, its perception by jurors and the efficiency it provides when properly implemented.

He will discuss using Power Point in opening and closing and timeline and trial software that is less linear and more useful and flexible for direct and cross examinations.

Come learn about what is out there to help you prepare for trial and to communicate more effectively in the courtroom.