

County of Fairfax, Virginia

To protect and enrich the quality of life for the people, neighborhoods, and diverse communities of Fairfax County

Courthouse Video-Teleconferencing (VTC)

The Fairfax County Courthouse supports video-teleconferencing and the use of popular applications such as Webex, Zoom, Teams, Polycom, and others. The Fairfax Court's high-tech courtrooms include audio and video teleconferencing (VTC) capabilities for local and remote arraignments, hearings, advisements, remote, and protected witnesses. In addition, the Fairfax Law Library and select courthouse conference rooms offer VTC for meetings, dispositions, and activities with other jurisdictions. The courthouse VTC system uses high-end, secure video-conferencing technology utilizing high-speed Internet conferencing protocols (H.323 and SIP) and Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) data transfer lines. In addition, the Court uses Cisco Webex for virtual and hybrid hearings. Users may need to download and install Cisco Webex for conferencing from a PC or mobile device.

Use of the VTC capabilities in a high-tech courtroom requires the following:

- ❖ Approval from the court (judge) to use VTC
- ❖ Access to a mobile or PC device with Cisco Webex downloaded, a web camera and microphone or access to/from an external compatible video teleconference system
- ❖ Reservation of a high-tech courtroom (online)
- ❖ Pre-court testing between the court and all parties involved

The requesting party is responsible for any and all external costs associated with the VTC event. This may include arranging for technical support, testing, and any of the costs incurred from the external provider. Users will not incur expenses for calls made directly to the courthouse. The Courts bear no responsibility for the quality of service from external providers, nor is the court obligated to provide technical services to support external providers or their equipment.

Upon approval to conduct a VTC, the requesting party shall provide their phone and email contact information, including their technical support staff. For the General District Court (GDC) and Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court (JDRDC), please send the required information to CourtDIT-Help@fairfaxcounty.gov. For the Circuit Court, send to CCRHelp@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The use of video teleconferencing meets the primary objectives to improve citizens' access to the Courts, facilitate trials and hearings in the most effective and efficient means possible, allow for all three Courts to share common resources, and provide for flexibility and adaptability to incorporate future changes in technology and court proceedings.

For more information visit: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/courts/crto



Circuit Court & Records

General District Court

Juvenile & Domestic
Relations District Court



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