

County of Fairfax, Virginia

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Courtroom Digital Audio Recording (C-DAR)

The C-DAR Project Team successfully implemented a digital audio recording solution that integrates with the existing courtroom infrastructure. The solution records the audio from court proceedings, and also provides secure and integrated playback with log note capabilities and user friendly graphical interfaces. Functionality also includes the ability to replay audio files with indexing, archiving, and electronic file management capabilities. A secondary recording system file server was implemented to serve as a backup to the primary system.

The solution has been integrated into all Circuit Court high-tech courtrooms, and will also be implemented in future renovated Circuit Court courtrooms. In addition, the project piloted the use of secure cloud-based services for archiving digital recordings and same-day or on-demand transcription. The project team will continue to review cloud services options, and address non-tech courtrooms in a future phase of the project. It is also possible that the two District Courts, while not courts of public record, could use the C-DAR solution as an internal quality control tool.



The C-DAR project 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



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