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The Courtroom 21 Project Selects SmartDraw.com as Technology Partner

The SmartDraw Legal Solution to Be Used at World's Most Technologically Advanced Trial Courtroom

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SmartDraw.com, the leading provider of legal diagramming software, announced today that the Courtroom 21 Project has selected SmartDraw.com as a technology partner. Courtroom 21, based at the College of William and Mary campus in Williamsburg, VA, seeks to determine how technology can best improve all components of the legal system. The project is the world center for courtroom and related technology information and experimentation.

As part of the Project, the SmartDraw Legal Solution will be used at William and Mary Law School's McGlothlin Courtroom, the world's most technologically advanced trial and appellate courtroom.

The all-new SmartDraw Legal Solution helps attorneys and paralegals easily create diagrams for trial exhibits, settlement conferences, legal proceedings, and more. Featuring more than 50,000 symbols and nearly 1,000 templates specialized for the legal community, SmartDraw not only eliminates the costly outsourcing of graphics, but delivers greater control over exhibits.

"We are very pleased that SmartDraw is a Courtroom 21 participating company," said Mollie Nichols, Associate Director for Research and Professional Education, Courtroom 21. "SmartDraw is an easy tool for lawyers to use when presenting evidence effectively and persuasively to a jury. Using SmartDraw, lawyers no longer must pay for expensive graphics in order to have professional demonstrative exhibits."

With the SmartDraw Legal Solution, drawing is easy: users simply drag ready-made graphics from the built-in libraries and drop them onto a template. They may start with a blank template or use one of SmartDraw's professionally designed templates that provide editable layouts for crime scenes, traffic accidents, and much more.

With helpful features such as automatic alignment and formatting, SmartDraw requires no artistic talent or technical expertise: even first-time users can create great-looking crime scene diagrams, timelines, evidence charts, medical diagrams, forensic drawings, org charts and more.

The SmartDraw Legal Solution works hand-in-hand with Microsoft Office, allowing users to copy and paste directly to and from PowerPoint, Word, and into the popular litigation-support software products. In addition, users can print anything from standard sizes to huge posters for courtroom presentations. And as SmartDraw.com has partnerships in place with leading print shops and vendors, users don't even need a large-format printer: poster-sized legal graphics may be ordered and printed by a SmartDraw partner directly through the print dialog box.

Users can “judge for themselves” by downloading the SmartDraw Legal Solution’s free, 30-day trial from www.smartdrawlegal.com

About SmartDraw.com

SmartDraw.com is the Internet’s #1 provider of easy-to-use business graphics software and is in the top 0.1% of most visited websites on the Internet. Founded in 1994, SmartDraw.com offers three products to boost business productivity: the flagship *SmartDraw* program for creating business diagrams; *FotoFinish* for printing, editing, and designing digital photo projects; and *VisualScript XML* for visually developing XML. For more information, please visit www.smartdraw.com.

About Courtroom 21

The Courtroom 21 Project is an ongoing international demonstration and experimental effort that seeks to determine how technology can best improve all components of the legal system. A joint project of William & Mary School of Law and the National Center for State Courts, it includes the McGlothlin Courtroom, the world’s most technologically advanced trial and appellate courtroom. The courtroom’s technology is made possible by its many participating companies. To see a complete list of the Courtroom 21 Participating Companies and the technology available at Courtroom 21, please visit www.legaltechcenter.net.

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