



Social Distancing for Courts

Courtroom-based Communications Systems

Confidential Communication – At a Safe Distance

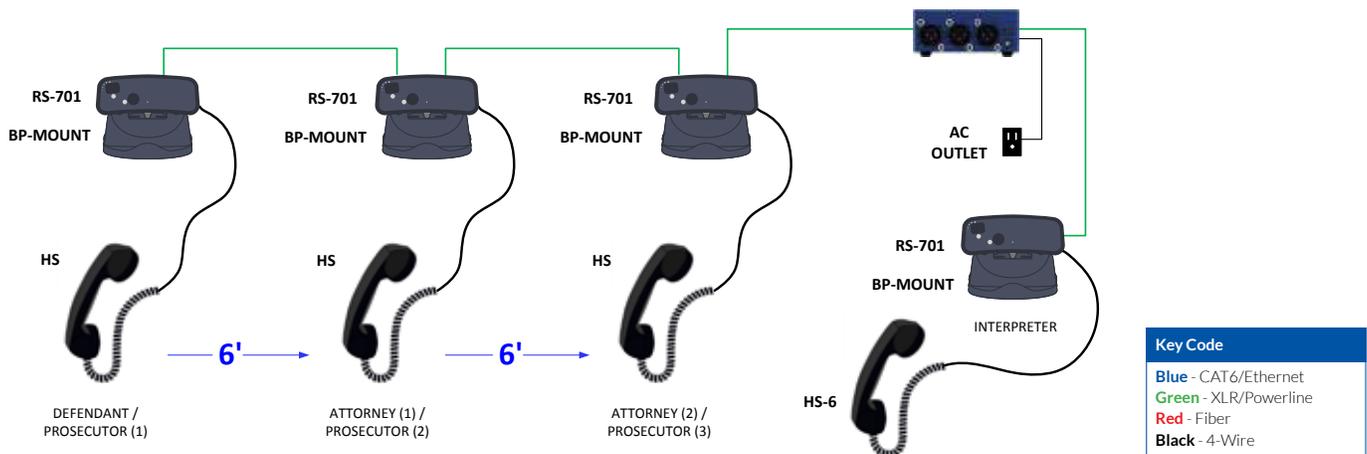
As courts begin to reopen with social distancing measures in place, the focus will be on implementing procedures which protect judges, juries, attorneys, defendants, spectators, staffers and visitors. This will likely include reduced elevator capacity, enhanced screenings, plexiglass dividers, seating removed – and secure, full-duplex intercom communications systems in place to ensure people on both the defense and prosecution sides can have confidential communications among the team.

Each participant involved in courtroom proceedings will need to remain physically distanced, resulting in a situation where prosecutors and defense teams are not able to communicate confidential information as they had in the past when they were able to “whisper” to each other. Whether the attorney/client teams are small or large, Clear-Com offers a scalable solution for confidential communication between attorneys and their clients, including scenarios where defendants may be held in offsite locations. Because of the clear, highly intelligible sound quality of Clear-Com systems, whispers can be heard clearly amongst team members, without being heard by the other party.

In addition, judges may need to consult with other parties via intercom, and attorneys may be asked to “approach the bench” to talk to the judge on a secure intercom line.

Here are some examples of how Clear-Com’s intercom systems provide courtroom solutions to ensure social distancing as well as clear, uncompromised and confidential communication between key parties.

Defense/Prosecution Desk



Each prosecutor, attorney or defendant maintains a distance of six feet while still communicating confidentially through a telephone handset attached to a Clear-Com beltpack. All parties in each team have full duplex communication capabilities (talk/listen at the same time) at the touch of a button. Interpreters or other third-parties can be brought into the communication as needed.

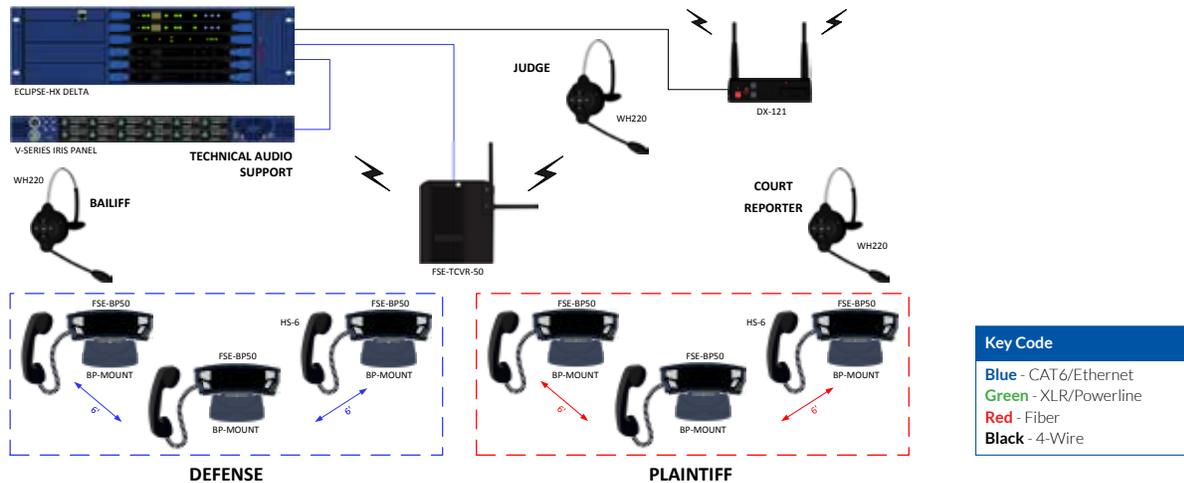


Full-Duplex Communication

Full-duplex describes bi-directional communications all the time. Regular communications between individuals conversing in person is full-duplex, meaning you can talk and listen simultaneously. Full-duplex communication allows simultaneous two-way conversations where one person can interrupt the other. Two-way radios or walkie-talkies only offer half-duplex communications.



Encrypted Wireless System for Full Court Communications

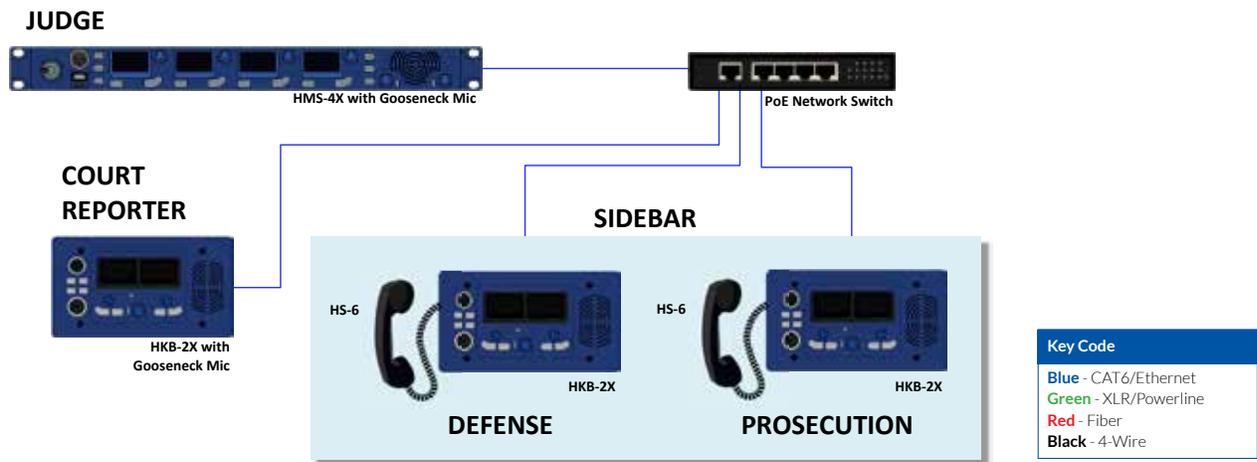


When encrypted wireless communications are required, Clear-Com's Eclipse and FreeSpeak Edge systems allow all parties, including court staff, to communicate confidentially to their respective legal teams over an encrypted wireless system. The Judge can communicate directly to his staff and the Defense and Prosecution teams can communicate with each other, at a safe distance, all without divulging details of their legal approach. The Eclipse Matrix can support multiple courtrooms within a building.





Sidebar System



The Judge can listen and speak to the attorneys and court reporter through a HelixNet main station with microphone. The Court Reporter transcribes all accounts and can listen and ask questions through the HKB speaker station with mic. Each attorney uses a similar HKB speaker station but fitted with an HS-6 telephone handset. All parties have full duplex digital communication run through a Power over Ethernet capable network switch.





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