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Press Release

Assistive Technology to Help Seniors in Legal Settings

The Center for Legal and Court Technology to test technology in mock trial.

Williamsburg, VA, March 10, 2008: On Saturday, March 29, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., the Center for Legal and Court Technology (CLCT) will conduct an experimental high-tech laboratory trial designed to test how assistive technology can be used to better afford equal access to justice for seniors.

The mock case, *In Re Leslie Lyndon*, regards the elderly Ms. Lyndon who is living at the fictitious Dolly Madison Gracious Living Complex, an assisted-living facility. She has lived there for the last five years, but in the last six months she has exhibited increasingly serious aberrant behavior. Her son, daughter, and grandchildren have become worried about her ability to make economic and healthcare decisions for herself and are greatly concerned about her relationship with Jack Carlson, a resident at the facility. Jack's relationship with Leslie seems to be romantic, but the family is fearful that Jack is more interested in Leslie's \$3.5 million in assets. The family is taking action to have Leslie declared incompetent and have her son and daughter designated as her guardians. Leslie, with the help of Jack and one of her grandchildren, is opposing that effort.

CLCT will experiment with various types of technology intended to assist participants during the trial. The case will be presided over by Virginia Circuit Court judge, the Honorable Charles Paston and heard in CLCT's world renowned McGlothlin Courtroom—the world's most technologically advanced trial and appellate courtroom. The Center for Legal and Court Technology (formerly the Courtroom 21 Project) is a non-profit entrepreneurial research, education, and consulting public service organization that seeks to improve the administration of justice through the use of appropriate technology.

Journalists are invited to observe the case. Space is limited and those interested in attending should reserve seats as early as possible by calling Tammi Flythe at (757) 221-7720 or emailing Lsflyt@wm.edu.

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