Video Immigration Court -
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Abstract

The impact on the Imperial and El Centro court operations, as well as the impact on INS and State Prison facilities was examined, with respect to the full-scale implementation of Video Teleconferencing (VTC) for the hearing of detained or imprisoned alien immigration cases. Relevant literature and actual immigration court experience were both examined as a reference tool, in order to determine the optimum stance from which to initiate a VTC program. Survey results, with responses from Court Administrators currently conducting limited VTC programs were analyzed, to determine potential positive and negative impacts on the implementation of a full-scale VTC program. A detailed explanation of the actual methodology for full-scale implementation of VTC at the Imperial and El Centro, CA Immigration Courts was provided, with the final analysis indicating a high probability of success in terms of more centralized operations, increased efficiency of staff support, security enhancement, reduced health concerns, case processing efficiency, cost effectiveness, and nationwide case adjudication capability.

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