

Case Study



CROWN OFFICE AND PROCURATOR FISCAL SERVICES

In a groundbreaking move, Compact has scanned documents used as evidence in a high profile court case for the Crown Office in Edinburgh.

Each member of the Jury was provided with a monitor and, thanks to the speed and ease at which the scanned information could be retrieved, the process of showing essential evidence was quicker and more efficient.

"We are often asked by Clients if scanned documents are legally admissible, or whether they need to keep a hard copy record", commented Steve Pearson, Compact's managing director.

"Because we are approved to ISO9001/2000 and operate to the BIP 0008 standard, our scanned images have always been legally admissible in court and to bodies such as the Inland Revenue and Customs & Excise. But now a Court has asked for information to be scanned, it proves categorically that our high speed scanning holds the same credibility as hard copies.

Jurors were not only able to view the typed and handwritten documents on screen, they were also shown colour photographs, architectural drawings, examination and survey reports and other information of a sensitive nature.

Compact's software also enabled the legal representative to add and extract information to facilitate their presentations and the whole process was heralded a major success.

"The best thing we ever did in this case was to use Compact's services. It saved our department months of work and Court time. The service was great and I'd be very keen to use them again".

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