



iJustice

eArraignment

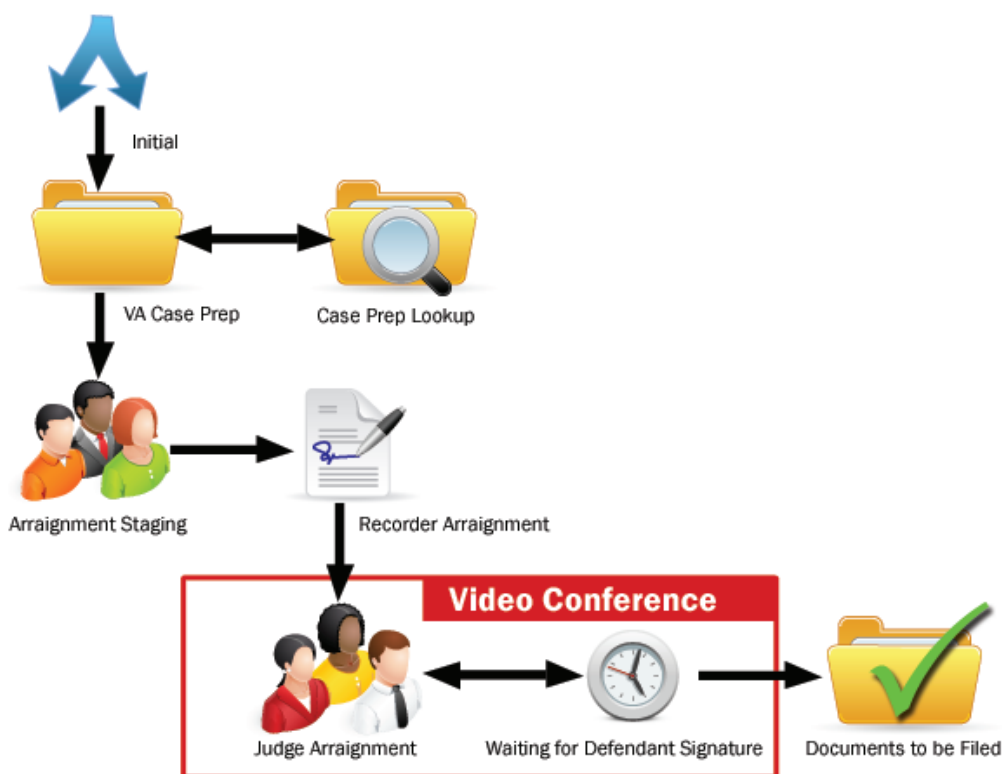
ImageSoft iJustice eArraignment provides judicial officers the flexibility of arraigning suspects remotely through the use of video conferencing technology, electronic routing and document signing. It accomplishes this by streamlining case file preparation and incorporating electronic signing of the arraignment packet from disparate locations. Processing arraignments electronically improves the speed of justice by reducing the manual steps involved in creating the arraignment packet and eliminating the faxing bottleneck inherent to most video arraignment solutions.



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How it works

The first step in implementing iJustice eArraignment is converting all arraignment forms to a PDF-fillable format. ImageSoft coordinates this activity by taking an inventory of CMS, state and local court forms as well as inserting both signature and replacement tags. Replacement tags are then mapped to a smart eForm called the Arraignment Wizard. The Arraignment Wizard eForm drives the workflow process, providing the judicial officer a simple dialog for collecting arraignment information. The sample workflow diagram below provides an overview of the arraignment process.



In this example, the Arraignment Wizard is typically created via court CMS or jail JMS to populate defendant and charge information. Depending on the nature of the charge, the Arraignment Wizard will pre-select a specific set of documents from the template library. At any point in time, the court recorder can add or delete documents as needed.

The eArraignment session begins with the judicial officer reviewing related charging documents and criminal history. Typically, the suspect is seated in an arraignment station equipped with a computer with video conferencing capabilities and an electronic signature pad. During the arraignment, the judicial officer will enter information into the Arraignment Wizard. After arraigning the suspect, the judicial officer authorizes the arraignment packet using a single-click signing task. This signing process automatically merges Arraignment Wizard data and replaces each 'Sign Here' judicial officer tag in the arraignment packet with his/her actual signature via secured network credentials.

Next, the arraignment packet is immediately routed to the jail queue to be signed by the suspect via electronic signature pad. The officer facilitates this process by having the suspect review each document prior to collecting a signature. Fully executed documents are then printed for the suspect and distributed electronically to JMS and the Clerk.

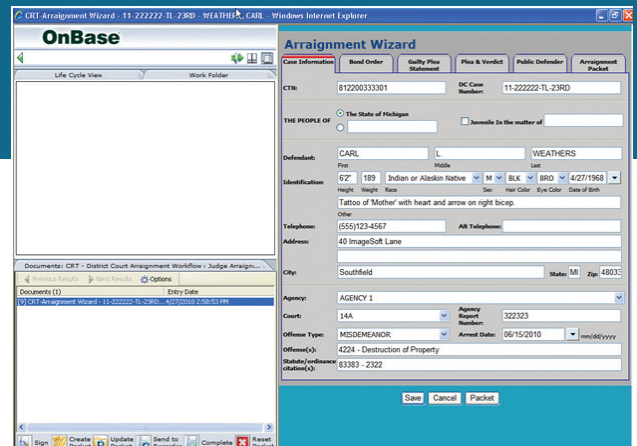


Figure 1 – Court Recorder view of Arraignment Wizard eForm

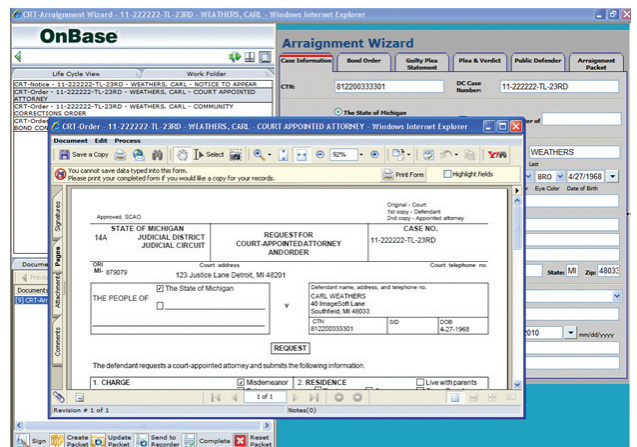


Figure 2 – Judicial officer view of Arraignment Wizard and related document.



Figure 3 – Signing Interface

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Key Benefits

ImageSoft iJustice eArraignment benefits all parties involved in the judicial process and serves the public well by increasing judicial efficiency, expediting the judicial process, improving public safety and saving time and taxpayer dollars. Its impact will be evident in:

Transportation Costs: Eliminates costs and delays associated with the transportation of inmates from the jail to the court and back, including driver, vehicle, long-term vehicle maintenance and fuel costs.

Bottlenecked Manual Processes: Eliminates the time-consuming, labor-intensive manual steps involved in creating the arraignment packet and alleviates the faxing bottleneck inherent to most video arraignment solutions.

Public Safety & Inmate Security: Eliminates the expense associated with providing security and supervision of inmates who are being transported from place to place. Additionally, taking travel out of the arraignment equation expedites the process and increases the likelihood that a suspect can be arraigned before 'In Custody' time limits are reached, which require the suspect to be released.

Court Holding Facilities: Eliminates the need and associated expense of maintaining court holding facilities and providing staff to supervise inmates in these facilities and the need to post an officer in every courtroom in which an inmate is present.

Use of Valued Human Resources: Eliminating travel from the arraignment process — by police officers, suspects, judges, and support personnel — not only eliminates the geographic obstacles to arraignment proceedings, but enables police officers to spend more time on the streets fully engaged in law enforcement and allows judges to focus on casework and the administration of justice.