



ADOBE SOLUTIONS FOR JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES

THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM, PROPERTY, AND A FAIR TRIAL FORMS THE BEDROCK OF DEMOCRATIC SOCIETIES

These fundamental principles help ensure our well-being and security—but many times we take them for granted. What would happen if it became impossible to protect these basic rights because our judicial system was stretched thin by inefficient processes and mountains of paperwork? Then how secure would we feel?

Today, judicial systems are working in overdrive to protect a dynamic, complex society. Court officials and investigators must coordinate with countless agencies—juggling multiple processes and managing, sharing, and archiving an inordinate amount of case documentation. As judicial systems move to digital workflows that promise greater productivity, they must also comply with new security, authenticity, and technological requirements.

Creating efficient processes to better serve communities

Adobe solutions for justice and public safety agencies enable court officials and investigators to seamlessly and more securely automate paper processes and enhance collaboration by:

- Packaging multiple content formats—including text, graphics, and multimedia files—into a single, more secure, compact PDF case file for easy sharing and archiving
- Using productivity tools to easily locate and highlight key information
- Enhancing collaboration with Adobe® Flash® Player and Adobe Reader® software—both free and easily downloadable applications that virtually every user has and is familiar with

Using Adobe solutions to create more efficient processes allows court officials and investigators more time to focus on important matters, namely, protecting citizens' basic rights.

Automating paper processing

Adobe solutions enable court officials and investigators to eliminate paper-based documentation and its associated costs by:

- Capturing, managing, submitting, and archiving all types of information, whether online or offline
- Compiling native Microsoft Word files—including photos, drawings, spreadsheets, and audio or video recordings—into a single, intelligent PDF document
- Creating more secure PDF files with controls that limit who can open them and how long they're available for review
- Reducing time spent copying, collating, organizing, and manually entering data
- Eliminating redundancies with automated processes to move information smoothly through the chain of necessary reviews

Increasing the accessibility of information

Within PDF files, investigators and court officials can easily find and highlight specific pieces of evidence by:

- Searching for a term within a single file, or by running more complex searches for different types of data in one or more PDF documents
- Defining a catalog for a large number of related PDF files and searching the index—instead of the PDF files themselves—which dramatically reduces search time
- Easily extracting and commenting on pertinent case details within a PDF file
- Adding hyperlinks and highlighting, bookmarking, enlarging, underlining, or circling text or images—enabling team members to easily find key information that could be critical to a case

“With Adobe solutions, we overcome obstacles to connecting with our constituents and collaborating across agencies. Processes that took hours can now be handled in a fraction of the time and at a fraction of the cost.”

—Deborah Seyller, clerk of the circuit court, Kane County



Enabling powerful collaborative environments

Adobe solutions provide a powerful set of tools for web conferencing and document sharing. These easy-to-use solutions help overcome geography, network, and device limitations—resulting in faster problem solving and improved results. Adobe Acrobat® Connect™ Professional software enables court officials to communicate instantly and cost-effectively through more secure, easy-to-host, and easy-to-access online personal meeting rooms.

Ensuring document authenticity and security

Adobe security policies deliver document control, encryption, digital signature, and document certification services that travel with a document wherever it goes. Investigators and court officials can control who can open, view, print, copy, or modify a document—whether the document is online, offline, or outside the network. And they can deliver information and process assurance with content and signature validation, as well as step-by-step accountability controls.

Extending the reach of existing systems

Adobe solutions create a flexible and trusted foundation for information sharing based on two of the most widely installed applications in the world—Adobe Reader and Adobe Flash Player. By integrating with existing enterprise applications and an individual's preferred medium, these solutions enable court officials and investigators to automate critical processes within and outside their organizations without a major technology overhaul.

Organizations can create customized solutions by:

- Developing rich web interfaces to make complex online processes and forms more engaging
- Creating bar-coded forms that, when scanned, easily capture and archive data to reduce rekeying of information
- Leveraging back-end systems to prepopulate forms with data
- Creating rapid training programs to enable intuitive, on-demand training

Providing more comprehensive public service

With Adobe solutions, court officials and investigators can drastically reduce the time it takes to prepare and complete necessary legal paperwork. By automating processing, they can package documents together quickly and more securely—improving data accuracy and eliminating redundant data entry.

With faster cycle times, more transactions, and less paperwork, court officials and investigators can experience greater productivity and cost efficiencies. Furthermore, by implementing real-time collaborative solutions, departments can quickly share and discuss pertinent case details, which accelerates decision making and ultimately improves the quality of service delivered to citizens.



eDisclosure process

1. Case opened



Field investigator uses Adobe PDF form or Adobe Flex™ software wizard to open case.

2. Case data entered



Field investigator enters case information using Adobe Acrobat Professional software.

3. Data collected and stored



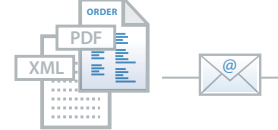
Data is collected from multiple sources, correlated, aggregated, and stored automatically.

4. Agencies collaborate



Agencies collaborate and track information using PDF data in e-mail, online, or printed documents.

5. eDisclosure submitted



eDisclosure is flattened, electronically filed, stamped, and certified for records. PDF/A file is e-mailed to courtroom clerk's office.

6. Documents arrive



Agencies receive signed documents, ready for printing and service using Adobe LiveCycle PDF Generator ES software.

Courtroom process

1. Data entered



Petitioner/advocate uses Adobe PDF form or Adobe Flex software wizard to enter case details.

2. Information collected



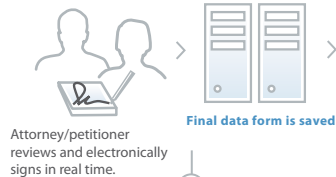
Data is collected and stored automatically. Data from multiple sources can be correlated and aggregated at this point.

3. Advocate reviews data



Advocate uses tablet to sign into LiveCycle Workspace ES. Date is imported using receipt number.

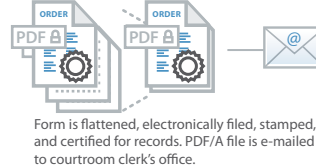
4. Attorney/petitioner reviews data form



Attorney/petitioner reviews and electronically signs in real time.

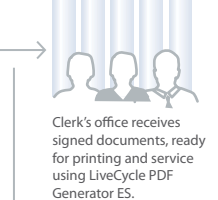
Final data form is saved.

5. Form flattened and submitted



Form is flattened, electronically filed, stamped, and certified for records. PDF/A file is e-mailed to courtroom clerk's office.

6. Documents arrive



Law enforcement receives signed documents, ready for printing and service using LiveCycle PDF Generator ES.

4a. Advocate prepopulates order



Advocate prepopulates order and submits to the judge.

4b. Judge signs order



Judge has hearing and then updates and completes order. Acrobat Connect hearing is recorded and archived for review.

4b. Judge signs order



Judge signs document, which is now ready to be flattened and submitted to the court.

For more information

To learn more about Adobe solutions for justice and public safety agencies, visit www.adobe.com/government.

Adobe solutions for justice and public safety agencies automate eDisclosure and courtroom processes to enhance collaboration and create efficiencies that improve public service.



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