

THE IMPACT OF REMOTE COURT APPEARANCES IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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\$13,300 + \$9,400

The Commission on Access to Justice granted the First Circuit \$13,300 and Land of Lincoln \$9,400 to launch the Remote Appearance Pilot Project.

9 Illinois Counties

The First Circuit purchased monitors, rolling carts, speakers, webcams, and other equipment to upgrade courtrooms in all nine counties while Land of Lincoln installed ethernet cabling in its Southern Regional Office.



467 Remote Court Appearances

During the two-year pilot period (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023), First Circuit Judges allowed Land of Lincoln lawyers to appear remotely 467 times.

Savings of 633.5 Hours, 18,432 Miles, and \$11,626

As a result, Land of Lincoln saved 633.5 hours, 18,432 miles, and \$11,626 in travel costs. For context, Land Lincoln could represent 50 additional survivors of DV with this saved time.



Increasing Public Confidence and Satisfaction

Land of Lincoln lawyers reported higher levels of client satisfaction and participation, particularly among people who worked hourly or factory jobs.



The Commission thanks the First Circuit and Land of Lincoln Legal Aid.

Want to host your own pilot? Contact Sarah Song at 217-208-3364 or ssong@illinoiscourts.gov.

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