



# Case Study eCourts on Any Budget

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# eCourt on Any Budget - Bell

- Image and index documents according to an agreed protocol
- Load court book data and images into Court system
- Train users (lawyers and barristers)
- BELL (\$#^&#@\$#%\*)

# eCourt on Any Budget - Bell

- **Is already the longest running civil trial in Western Australia**
- **\$1.4 Billion recovery claim by the former WA State Government Insurance Commission, against a consortium of 20 banks used by the former Alan Bond company TBGL (The Bell Group Limited)**

# eCourt on Any Budget - 1995

## Ignorance is bliss....

- **Started in 1995**
  - e-mail was a relatively new form of office communication
  - Internet
  - Still using floppy disks to swap data
- **Electronic Trial - What's that???**

# eCourt on Any Budget - Bell

- **Advances in technological development**
- **Electronic practice notes in many of the courts**
- **Off the shelf products available to assist users in running and electronic trial**
  - Ringtail Courtbook
  - Summation iBlaze
- **Document Management service bureaus such as Discovery and eLaw**

# eCourt on Any Budget - Keeping up with technology

- Data conversions to utilise new technology
- Introduction of document images
- Pressure off the photocopying department
- Reviewing shared documents online

# eCourt on Any Budget - Trial Preparation

- **Hard Copy OR Electronic - you be the judge**
- **Owen Orders -**
- **Trial of this proceeding be conducted using:**
  - **A Court Book**
  - **A Book of Pleadings, and**
  - **Witness Statements**

**IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT**

# eCourt on Any Budget - Trial Preparation

- **Meet with Registrar to discuss:**
  - Software
  - Hardware
  - Infrastructure and Services Required to run an electronic trial
  - Protocols for the court book
- **Supreme Court of WA outsource their IT to a third party**
- **NO CURRENT ELECTRONIC SYSTEM!!!!**

# eCourt on Any Budget - Court Book System

- **Lotus Notes System to be build before the trial began in July 2003**
  - Would the system be ready?
  - What functionality would be available?
  - 2 Different types of systems for legal team to use
  - Why build a new system?
  - Data format?

# eCourt on Any Budget - Court Book System - Wish List

- User Access and Support
- Split Screen Document Viewing
- Search and Viewing Results
- Pleading and Transcript Management
- Full Text Searching
- Data and Image Exchange Format

# eCourt on Any Budget - Court Book System

- No discussion between parties regarding data exchange protocols
- Different Numbering Systems
  - New system to support 2 different numbering systems

# eCourt on Any Budget - eTrial System Development

- **Close working relationship with the Judicial Systems development team and the WA Supreme Court**
  - Data displayed
  - verify functionality
  - test data and images

# eCourt on Any Budget - eTrial In Action

So far as the electronics are concerned this is an electronic trial. That does not mean that it is paperless. The phrase "a paperless courtroom" will never be achieved and certainly will not be achieved in this trial. The parties should feel free to conduct their cases as they see fit; use the electronics for their own purposes as they wish or not, but so far as I am concerned it will be an electronic trial - **Justice Owen 22 July 2003**

# eCourt on Any Budget - eTrial - Further Development

- **Further Development included:**
  - Browser front end
  - Download daily transcript files
  - Exhibiting documents using batch processing
  - Exporting Search results
- **The Journey end for me but continues for the Bell team in Perth.**

# eTrial System - Home Page

https://securecourts.justice.wa.gov.au/Bell/bell.nsf - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by Blake Dawson Waldron

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### Welcome to the eTrialBook

**Introduction**  
The Web Interface to the eTrialBook gives you access to the same information that you have available in the courtroom.

**Requirements**  
Internet Explorer 5.5 or above  
Adobe Acrobat Reader  
Microsoft XML parser version 3.  
For optional split screen interface, use a 17"+monitor or notebook screen running at 1280x1024 + resolution.  
Lotus Notes Client licenses are required for user access.

**Advanced Search**  
Each view allows you to search for text within document/information in that view. The Advance Search facility allows you to carry out context, or structured searches. Note that you are able to carry out the same searches from the view search using the same queries. Example : "[tra\_sprk] contains Smith and [tra\_body] contains bank and subordination". Refer to the Advanced Search screen where you can pick up the list of fields available..

**Go Buttons**  
Type text/part text in the "Go" field to find documents starting with the text. For example in the Imaged Documents view, entering "TBGL.00004" will find the first document that starts with that text."

**Court Documents**  
These are available as image files, and as web pages. The Web page interface allows you to bookmark or raise issues against specific pages. The full Web page interface to Court Documents will be available by 8/8/2003.

**Printing**  
Although the system allows printing of transcript from the Transcript Views, we recommend that you download the Word Documents under Transcript Files for consistent layout.

**Feedback**  
Please email feedback to [judicial.systems@justice.wa.gov.au](mailto:judicial.systems@justice.wa.gov.au). (Feedback link in Tools tab). Please channel feedback

**CIV 1464/2000**

The Bell Group Ltd (in liq) & Ors  
- v -  
Westpac Banking Corp Ltd & Ors

**Coram**  
The Honourable Justice Owen.

**Associates**  
John Robertson and Justin McLernon.

**Location**  
The hearing will be held in Court 14.1 at  
111 St. George's Terrace Perth.

**Representation**  
The plaintiffs are represented by Blake Dawson Waldron.  
  
The defendants are represented by Freehills.

**Helpdesk**  
The contact details for the Help Desk:  
1800 500 884.

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11/10/2004	11/10/2004 06:14:23 PM	15750	15854	11/10/2004	11/10/2004	Word Document - Whole Day
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# eTrial System - Bookmarks

The screenshot displays a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window. The address bar shows the URL: <https://securecourts.justice.wa.gov.au/Bell/bell.nsf>. The browser title is "CIV 1464/2000 - The Bell Matter". The main content area is titled "MANAGE BOOKMARKS" and includes several interactive elements:

- Buttons for "New Keyword", "Edit Keyword", and "Delete Keyword".
- A section labeled "Bookmark names:" with a text input field containing "Finance Information".
- Buttons for "View Entry" and "Delete Entry".
- A section labeled "Bookmark Entries" with a large empty text area.
- A checkbox labeled "Share Bookmark with users" which is currently unchecked.

An "Explorer User Prompt" dialog box is overlaid on the main content area. It contains the text "Script Prompt: Enter new Bookmark Keyword" and has "OK" and "Cancel" buttons. A text input field is visible below the text in the dialog box.

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button, several open applications (Inbox, Calend..., Explori..., KEYS..., Work..., Searc...), and the current browser window. The system tray on the right shows the Internet icon and the time "4:09 pm".

# eTrial System - Search & Export

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Images Title contains document Or And

Query `(([[Form] contains ExhImage) and [ImgDescription] contains Comment on Document)` Search Print Export Clear

Click here to custom define fields to export, otherwise leave this un-checked to export default fields

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Clear

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Done Internet

# eTrial System - Judgement

- Questions???