Training Attorneys with Virtual Reality
(with Pro Se Litigants coming soon)

a collaboration between:
Justice & Diversity Center of The Bar Association of San Francisco;
Access to Justice Lab at Harvard Law School; and
Due Course

Presentation Roadmap

- What Exactly Is VR?
- Why VR + Who Benefits
- The Harvard + JDC Study
- JDC’s Settlement Day Program
- Early Feedback
- Lessons Learned + How You Can Do It
What is Virtual Reality?

How to View 360° Videos
Strengths of VR Training

What do you think might be some of the benefits of training through VR?
VR training helps attorneys experience a shift in mindset.

- Confidence + BELIEF
- Process what it feels like
- Mental transition

Strengths of VR

- Skill building through observation
- Expands existing training models
- Catch attention of distracted learners
- Millennials / Gen Z expect it
Good VR Candidates

Trainee Candidates

- New Attorneys
- First-Time Participants
- Law Students
- Pro Se Clients
- Courtroom Staff
Content Candidates

- Experiential settings
  (Evidence v. Tax Law)
- Pain points
- Sources of anxiety

Access to Justice Lab at Harvard Law School: empirical research to improve the justice system
- Matthew Stubenberg wanted to study virtual reality training for attorneys

DueCourse: AI-powered professional development platform for lawyers
- Drew Amoroso, CEO and then-President of Barristers Club of Bar Association of San Francisco

Justice & Diversity Center: Free legal services in San Francisco
- Gloria Chun, Director of Pro Bono Legal Services
- Jay Lee, Pro Bono Manager
Studying JDC’s pro bono settlement conference clinic

Large sample size to show impacts of VR training

Potential use in other contexts
- Preparing self-represented litigants
- Cultural humility trainings for legal professionals

Ability to borrow resources for VR videos

How did we make our 360-degree videos?

- Permission from San Francisco Superior Court to film in courtrooms, hallway and conference rooms
- 360° camera on a tripod
- Lavalier microphones
- Scripts for typical scenes
- JDC staff and friends acting as attorneys, client, judges
Oculus Go

- Portable all-in-one VR headsets
- Facebook donated 10 headsets
Our VR Training Video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qLSC3P0PStw&feature=youtu.be

Meet your client and sign Agreement to Limited-Scope Representation
360° camera records entire room

Headsets provide a fully immersive experience
A Few Lessons Learned

What are some of the challenges you see in creating / implementing VR training?
A Few Lessons Learned

- Just. Get. Started. The videos won't be perfect
- You don't need to address every aspect of experience
- Film the videos in the actual setting or environment
- Keep the videos SHORT
- A 360 degree camera films... everything

Here's What You Need to Get Started
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- Identify a SHORT content set
- Create a budget + purchase equipment
- Secure the location + actors, and write a SHORT script
- Identify key partners – junior attorneys, court, stakeholders
- Film It!

Next Steps …