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| **DIDS Attorney Observation Report** | | **Reviewer** | Derrick Lopez |
| Date | October 11, 2024 | County | Elko |
| Court | Carlin Justice Court | Judge | Dee Primeaux |
| Defense Attorney | Thomas O’Gara  Deputy Public Defender | Prosecutor(s) | Amanda Zapata  Deputy District Attorney |
| Attorney Present | In Person / Virtual / w/Client | Number of Clients | 5 |
| Defendants Present | In Person / Virtual / Off-Site | Custodial Status | IC / OOC / Blend |
| Hearing Types | Pretrial Conferences | | |
| **Attorney's Preparedness** | | | |
| Did the Attorney appear for court? | | | Yes / No / N/A |
| Did the Attorney have the file? | | | Yes / No / N/A |
| Did the Attorney appear to have had a substantive, confidential meeting with  each client before court? | | | Yes / No / N/A |
| Did the Attorney appear prepared to handle their clients' cases? | | | Yes / No / N/A |
| **How prepared did the Attorney appear?**  Thomas appeared to be as prepared as possible for his cases today. In one case, the discovery was not provided until yesterday. In another case, the State did not extend a settlement offer until “last night.” | | | |
| **How knowledgeable was the Attorney about their cases?**  Thomas appeared to knowledgeable about his cases. | | | |
| **The Attorney's courtroom advocacy skills were:**  Thomas did a good job advocating for his clients during the court hearings. | | | |
| **How was the Attorney/client communication?**  The attorney-client communication appeared to be good. | | | |
| **Case Stage-Specific Issues** | | | |
| Did the Attorney argue for pretrial release/OR, or for reasonable bail? | | | Yes / No / N/A |
| Did the Attorney counsel each client to refrain from waiving trial rights until the  attorney completed investigation of the case? | | | Yes / No / Unknown |
| Did the Attorney appear to have counseled clients to refrain from waiving any  rights at arraignment? | | | Yes / No / Unknown |
| Did the Attorney appear to adequately advise clients of the consequences of  accepting a plea or going to trial, including any collateral consequences? | | | Yes / No / N/A |
| Did the Attorney present mitigating evidence and provide argument at  sentencing? | | | Yes / No / N/A |
| Did the Attorney address the Presentence Investigation Report (PSI) and/or  Psychosexual Evaluation/Risk Assessment appropriately? | | | Yes / No / N/A |
| Did the court require defendant(s) to reimburse the entity for representation? | | | Yes / No / N/A |
| **Overall Assessments** | | | |
| Does the Attorney appear to have a sustainable workload? | | | Yes / No / N/A |
| Overall, does the Attorney appear to be providing effective representation to  their clients? | | | Yes / No / N/A |
| **Remarks/Recommendations/Notes (continue on reverse):**   * One of Thomas’s clients, pursuant to settlement negotiations, entered a No Contest plea to two counts of Battery That Constitutes Domestic Violence - second offenses (from separate events – Thomas represents the client in one case and Julie Cavanaugh-Bill represents the client in the other case), with both sides free to argue at sentencing. In exchange, the State will dismiss a felony case. Sentencing was continued to 1/10/2025. | | | |

Remarks/Recommendations/Notes, continued:

* One of Thomas’ clients had his case set for trial on 1/10/2025.
* One of Thomas’ clients had her case continued to enable Thomas and the client to review and discuss the discovery provided by the State only yesterday. The hearing was continued to 12/13/2024.
* One of Thomas’ clients had his case continued to enable Thomas and the client to discuss the settlement offer provided by the State “last night.” The hearing was continued to 11/08/2024.
* One of Thomas’ clients had a review hearing regarding the status of the competency evaluation. The evaluation is still not completed by the expert. The hearing was continued to 12/13/2024.