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| **DIDS Attorney Observation Report** | | **Reviewer** | Derrick Lopez |
| Date | December 4, 2024 | County | Humboldt |
| Court | Eleventh Judicial District Court | Judge | Jim Loveless |
| Defense Attorney | Chris Arabia | Prosecutor(s) | Elizabeth Evans  Deputy District Attorney |
| Attorney Present | In Person / Virtual / w/Client | Number of Clients | 1 (one client with 3 cases) |
| Defendants Present | In Person / Virtual / Off-Site | Custodial Status | IC / OOC / Blend |
| Number of Clients  In custody | 0 | Number of Clients Out-of-Custody | 1 (one client with 3 cases) |
| Cases Continued  In Custody | 0 | Cases Continued  Out-of-Custody | 1 (one client all 3 cases continued) |
| Hearing Types | Pretrial conference and Orders to Show Cause | | |
| **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?**  Chris appeared to be prepared for court. | | | |
| **How knowledgeable was the Attorney about their cases?**  Chris appeared to be knowledgeable about his cases. | | | |
| **The Attorney's courtroom advocacy skills were:**  N/A | | | |
| **How was the Attorney/client communication?**  Unable to form an opinion. The client was late to court. Her cases were continued to 12/18/24 prior to the hearing starting. The client arrived late. Chris had already left. The client appeared ok with the continuances. The client asked the clerk whether Chris made a motion to modify the no contact provision to allow her supervised visitation with her child. The clerk informed her that Chris did not. | | | |
| **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 / N/A |
| Did the Attorney appear to have counseled clients to refrain from waiving any  rights at arraignment? | | | Yes / No / N/A |
| 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:**  Chris’s client was late to court. While in court waiting for the client to arrive and before the Judge entered the courtroom, Chris and the Deputy DA Elizabeth Evans had some discussion about the cases. Specifically, the State made a new offer on the misdemeanor charge. Chris asked Elizabeth about modifying the no contact provision to allow supervised visitation with the client’s child. Elizabeth said that case was being handled by DDA Anthony Gordon. So, Chris would need to speak with DDA Gordon to get an agreement on modifying the no contact order.  All 3 cases were continued by agreement outside of court to 12/18/24.  The client arrived late to court. The client was informed that the cases were continued. | | | |