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| **DIDS Attorney Observation Report** | | **Reviewer** | Derrick Lopez |
| Date | November 27, 2024 | County | Douglas |
| Court | East Fork Justice Court | Judge | Paul Gilbert |
| Defense Attorney | Matt Ence | Prosecutor(s) | Ric Casper, Heidi Remick  Deputy District Attorney |
| Attorney Present | In Person / Virtual / w/Client | Number of Clients | 4 |
| Defendants Present | In Person / Virtual / Off-Site | Custodial Status | IC / OOC / Blend |
| Hearing Types | Status Hearing, Post-Sentencing Alternative Sentencing Violation Hearing, Review Hearing | | |
| **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?**  Matt appeared prepared for court. | | | |
| **How knowledgeable was the Attorney about their cases?**  Matt appeared to be knowledgeable about his cases. | | | |
| **The Attorney's courtroom advocacy skills were:**  Matt did a good job advocating for his clients during the court hearing. | | | |
| **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):**   * Matt covered one case for defense attorney Mary Brown. In this case the State made a settlement offer yesterday. The client wanted more time to discuss the offer with Mary. The client waived 15 days and the case was continued to 12/4/2025. * Matt covered two cases for defense attorney Brian Filter:  1. There was no settlement offer from the State yet. The parties agreed to continue the case for 1 week to see if the case might be resolved through negotiations. The hearing was continued to 12/4/2024. | | | |

Remarks/Recommendations/Notes, continued:

1. One of Brian’s clients was on calendar for having missed a post-sentencing test with the Department of Alternative Sentencing. The client admitted missing the test. The court did not impose any sanction for the missed test. The client is to continue under the supervision of the Department of Alternative Sentencing with all the previously ordered terms and conditions.

* One of Matt’s clients was on calendar for a status hearing regarding his competency. Dr. Cord had evaluated the client and concluded that the client was not competent but might be restored to competency. The court ordered that the client be transferred to Lakes Crossing to attempt to restore the client to competency. A review hearing was set for 1/8/2025.
* One of Matt’s clients had two cases on calendar today:

1. A status hearing on a new charge. This case was set for a preliminary hearing on 1/15/2025.
2. A review hearing regarding fines owed by the client. The client is currently serving out that misdemeanor sentencing. A review hearing was set for 1/15/2025 regarding the fines due.