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| **DIDS Attorney Observation Report** | | **Reviewer** | Derrick Lopez |
| Date | November 6, 2024 | County | Douglas |
| Court | East Fork Justice Court | Judge | Paul Gilbert |
| Defense Attorney | Brian Filter | Prosecutor(s) | Jim Sibley  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 and Sentencing 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?**  Brian appeared prepared for court. | | | |
| **How knowledgeable was the Attorney about their cases?**  Brian appeared to be knowledgeable about his cases. | | | |
| **The Attorney's courtroom advocacy skills were:**  Brian 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 / 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 (continue on reverse):**   * 3 of Brian’s clients failed to appear today. Brian was able to persuade the court to set 2 of them for OSC hearings (one on 11-13-2024 and one on 11-20-2024). The 3rd client had failed to appear at the previous hearing. The court issued a bench warrant for the 3rd client. * 1 of Brian’s clients was on calendar for an Alternative Sentencing Violation for failing to contact the Department of Alternative Sentencing. That client appeared in court today and tested negative for controlled substances. The court continued the case to 11/20/2024 to see how the client now cooperates with DAS. | | | |

Remarks/Recommendations/Notes, continued:

* 1 of Brian’s clients entered a guilty plea, pursuant to negotiations, to a Battery charge. The sentencing was set for 12/11/2024 at 2:00 p.m. for victim notification and input and for the client to obtain a substance use evaluation.