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| **DIDS Attorney Observation Report** | | **Reviewer** | Derrick Lopez |
| Date | November 26, 2024 | County | Douglas |
| Court | Tahoe Justice Court | Judge | Michael Johnson |
| Defense Attorney | Max Stovall | Prosecutor(s) | Heidi Remick  Deputy District Attorney |
| Attorney Present | In Person / Virtual / w/Client | Number of Clients | 8 |
| Defendants Present | In Person / Virtual / Off-Site | Custodial Status | IC / OOC / Blend |
| Hearing Types | Arraignment, Status, Sentencing, and Review hearings | | |
| **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?**  Max appeared prepared for court. | | | |
| **How knowledgeable was the Attorney about their cases?**  Max appeared to be knowledgeable about his cases. | | | |
| **The Attorney's courtroom advocacy skills were:**  Max 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):**   * One of Max’s clients received a new settlement offer from the State. The new offer requires the client to obtain a substance use evaluation. The hearing was continued for the client to consider the new settlement offer, discuss it with Max in greater detail, and potentially obtain a substance use evaluation. * One of Max’s clients (appearing by Zoom) pled guilty, pursuant to negotiations, to one count of Battery That Constitutes Domestic Violence (all 3 victims were included in this one count). Counts 2 and 3 (also Battery DV charges) were dismissed. The sentencing was set for 12/31/2025. The Court approved the client appearing at | | | |

Remarks/Recommendations/Notes, continued:

the sentencing hearing by Zoom.

* One of Max’s clients was on calendar for a Review hearing to confirm that the client had completed his jail time requirement. The jail time requirement was satisfied. No further review hearings were scheduled.
* One of Max’s clients was scheduled for a Status hearing today. The parties were not able to reach a resolution of the case. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for 12/3/2024.
* One of Max’s clients was set for a Sentencing hearing on a charge of Battery That Constitutes Domestic Violence. The victim was present but chose not to speak. The Court followed the joint sentencing recommendation of: 180 days jail with 160 of those days suspended for 2 years; 48 hours of community service work; $640 in fines, fees, and assessments; 26 weeks of domestic violence counseling; substance use evaluation and follow any and all treatment recommendations; sobriety; search, seizure, and testing; Department of Alternative Sentencing supervision for one year; no contact with the victim; and violate no laws.
* One of Max’s out-of-custody clients was only recently appointed. Max and the client have not yet had an opportunity to meet. Today, Max is appearing by video from the Douglas County Jail in Minden and the client is present in court in Tahoe. The hearing was continued to 1/7/2025.
* One of Max’s clients failed to appear. The State requested a bench warrant. Max argued for an OSC. The Court issued an Order to Show Cause and set the hearing for 12/31/2024.
* One of Max’s clients was scheduled for a continued Arraignment today. Max recently received the discovery and a settlement offer from the State. Max said that he forwarded those to the client by email today. The client had not yet looked at the email. The hearing was continued to 1/7/2025 to give Max and his client time to review and discuss the discovery and settlement offer.