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| **DIDS Attorney Observation Report** | | **Reviewer** | Derrick Lopez |
| Date | November 25, 2024 | County | Douglas |
| Court | Ninth Judicial District Court – Dept II | Judge | Thomas Gregory |
| Defense Attorney | Matt Ence | Prosecutor(s) | William Murphy and Cheslea Mazza  Deputy District Attorney |
| Attorney Present | In Person / Virtual / w/Client | Number of Clients |  |
| Defendants Present | In Person / Virtual / Off-Site | Custodial Status | IC / OOC / Blend |
| Hearing Types | Arraignment and Sentencing 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?**  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):**   * One of Matt’s clients had an arraignment this morning. The client is in custody. The client pled guilty, pursuant to a Guilty Plea Agreement, to one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, a category E felony. The agreement required the client to remain in custody until accepted into the Drug Court Diversion program. Because Matt did not receive the Substance Use Evaluation until after 5:00 p.m. on Friday (today is Monday), he was unable to file it with the court until this morning. The State requested that the hearing on the Petition for Diversion be continued to give the State time to review the evaluation. The court continued the hearing to | | | |

Remarks/Recommendations/Notes, continued:

12/9/2024.

* One of Matt’s clients had a Sentencing hearing today on one count of Battery Causing Substantial Bodily Harm. Matt made several (5) corrections to the Presentence Report and argued in support of the joint sentencing recommendation. The Court followed the joint sentencing recommendation and sentenced the client to 12-30 months suspended for 24 months on conditions. The client had credit for 5 days time served.