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| **DIDS Attorney Observation Report** | | **Reviewer** | Derrick Lopez |
| Date | October 28, 2024 | County | Douglas |
| Court | Ninth Judicial District Court – Dept II  Juvenile Court | Juvenile Judge | Thomas Gregory |
| Defense Attorney | Matt Stermitz | Prosecutor(s) | DDA Zach Wadle |
| Attorney Present | In Person / Virtual - w/Client | Number of Clients | 1 |
| Juveniles Present | In Person / Virtual / Off-Site | Custodial Status | IC / OOC / Blend |
| Hearing Types | Petition 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 to be prepared for the hearing. | | | |
| **How knowledgeable was the Attorney about their cases?**  Matt appeared to be knowledgeable about his case. | | | |
| **The Attorney's courtroom advocacy skills were:**  Good. | | | |
| **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 / Unknown |
| Did the Attorney present mitigating evidence and provide argument at  disposition? | | | Yes / No / N/A |
| Did the Attorney address the Juvenile Probation Report 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’s client entered admissions to two separate Petitions Alleging Delinquency: (1) Harassment and (2) Battery. Each Petition involved a different victim. had a disposition. The Disposition hearing was scheduled for 11/18/2024. Juvenile Probation Officer Tammy Morrison informed the court that s psychological evaluation of the juvenile has been completed. However, the report has not been received yet from the psychologist. When the school suspension period ends (at least 5 more days of suspension), the juvenile will be allowed to return to school.   **Remarks/Recommendations/Notes (continued from previous page)** | | | |