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| **DIDS Attorney Observation Report** | | **Reviewer** | Derrick Lopez |
| Date | November 14, 2024 | County | Elko |
| Court | Elko Justice Court – Dept A | Judge Pro Tem | David Locke |
| Defense Attorney | Kirsteen Pickering | Prosecutor(s) | Walter Fick  Deputy District Attorney |
| Attorney Present | In Person / Virtual / Off-Site | Number of Clients | 1 |
| Defendants Present | In Person / Virtual / Off-Site | Custodial Status | IC / OOC / Blend |
| Hearing Types | Pretrial Conference | | |
| **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?**  Kirsteen appeared to be prepared for the hearing. | | | |
| **How knowledgeable was the Attorney about their cases?**  Kirsteen appeared to be knowledgeable about her 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 / N/A |
| 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):**  The parties reached a resolution of this case through negotiations. The client pled guilty to Battery that Constitutes Domestic Violence. The parties stipulated to defer sentencing for one year with conditions. The court followed the deferred sentencing agreement and set a review for dismissal on December 3, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.  It was also mentioned that this was a package deal involving a second case where the client is represented by Diana Hillewaert. In the second case the client will be pleading No Contest to one count of Petit Larceny with a joint sentencing recommendation of time served. The second case had been continued by stipulation to future date.  **Remarks/Recommendations/Notes (continued from previous page)** | | | |