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| **DIDS Attorney Observation Report** | | **Reviewer** | Derrick Lopez |
| Date | October 01, 2024 | County | Humboldt |
| Court | Sixth Judicial District Court | Judge | Michael Montero |
| Defense Attorney | Christopher Arabia | Prosecutor(s) | Anthony Gordon  Deputy District Attorney |
| Attorney Present | In Person / Virtual / w/Client | Number of Clients | 1 |
| Defendants Present | In Person / Virtual / Off-Site | Custodial Status | IC / OOC / Blend |
| Hearing Types | Arraignment 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 / Unknown |
| Did the Attorney appear prepared to handle their clients' cases? | | | Yes / No / Unknown |
| **How prepared did the Attorney appear?**  I was not able to determine how prepared Christopher was for the hearing. Judge Montero recused himself at the beginning of the hearing and continued the Arraignment. | | | |
| **How knowledgeable was the Attorney about their cases?**  I was not able to determine whether Christopher was knowledgeable about his case. | | | |
| **The Attorney's courtroom advocacy skills were:**  The hearing did not involve any significant advocacy. | | | |
| **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  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 / Unknown |
| **Remarks/Recommendations/Notes (continue on reverse):**   * Judge Montero recused himself from this case based on his prior knowledge of the client from his recent participation in the Drug Court. The hearing was continued for another judge to take over the case. | | | |

Remarks/Recommendations/Notes, continued: