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| **DIDS Attorney Observation Report** | | **Reviewer** | Derrick Lopez |
| Date | December 16, 2024 | County | Elko |
| Court | Fourth Judicial District Court Dept 3 | Judge | Mason Simons |
| Defense Attorney | Andrew Fritz | Prosecutor(s) | Jeff Slade  Deputy District Attorney |
| Attorney Present | In Person / Virtual / w/Client | Number of Clients | 1 (2 cases) |
| Defendants Present | In Person / Virtual / Off-Site | Custodial Status | IC / OOC / Blend |
| Number of Clients  In custody | 0 | Number of Clients Out-of-Custody | 1 (2 cases) |
| Cases Continued  In Custody | 0 | Cases Continued  Out-of-Custody | 0 |
| Hearing Types | Sentencing 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?**  Andrew appeared to be prepared for court. | | | |
| **How knowledgeable was the Attorney about their cases?**  Andrew 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 / 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:**  Andrew’s client was scheduled for sentencing on 2 separate cases. Each case had one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, a category E felony. Neither Andrew nor the State had any corrections to the Presentence Investigation Report. Andrew argued in mitigation for probation in both cases. The State recommended the maximum sentence suspended with probation in both cases. The State pointed out that the client has failed prior diversion opportunities, failed Drug Court in the past, and has multiple convictions for drug offenses in 3 States.  The Court sentenced the client in each case to the maximum sentence (19-48 months prison) and suspended those sentences with conditions. The period of probation is not to exceed 18 months per case. The court ordered the sentences to run consecutively. | | | |