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| **DIDS Attorney Observation Report** | | **Reviewer** | Derrick Lopez |
| Date | March 25, 2025 | County | Elko |
| Court | Elko Justice Court – Department A | Judge | Randall Soderquist |
| Defense Attorney | Lauren Gorman | Prosecutor(s) | Ryan McCormick  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 |
| Number of Clients  In Custody | 0 | Number of Clients  Out-of-Custody | 1 |
| Cases Continued  In Custody | 0 | Cases Continued  Out-of-Custody | 1 |
| Hearing Types | Pre-Preliminary 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?**  Lauren appeared to be prepared for her case today. | | | |
| **How knowledgeable was the Attorney about their cases?**  Lauren appeared to be knowledgeable about her case today. | | | |
| **The Attorney's courtroom advocacy skills were:**  Lauren’s 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 / 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 / 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 / N/A |
| **Remarks/Recommendations/Notes:**  Lauren had 1 client scheduled for the court session today:  Client 1: Pre-Preliminary Hearing. The client was out-of-custody and appeared in person. Lauren informed the court that she hasreceived a settlement offer from the State (2 versions: 1 for this case, alternatively, the other offer would be a global offer with this case and an uncharged case. However, Lauren has not been assigned to represent the client on the additional case).  Lauren also informed the court that she plans to file a motion to withdraw due to the client not responding or communicating with her except on the day of court. Lauren said that she cannot, in good conscience, represent this client in light of the client not returning calls or communicating with her.  The court informed the client that he has 4 additional cases that he has not been arraigned on yet. The court also admonished the client that it is the client’s obligation to communicate with his attorney. The court would like to schedule a separate hearing on the motion to withdraw (only made orally today, but Lauren will file a written motion).  The client explained that if he had a local attorney, he would be able to meet with the attorney at their office. However, he does not have a phone and so he is not able to communicate by phone. The court informed the client that NV DIDS may need to appoint a local attorney in place in Lauren. But that is up to NV DIDS.  The court set the next hearing on 4/3/2025 at 8:30 a.m. to address the Motion to Withdraw. | | | |