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| **DIDS Attorney Observation Report** | | **Reviewer** | Derrick Lopez by Zoom Video |
| Date | March 11, 2025 | County | Humboldt |
| Court | Sixth Judicial District Court Dept I | Judge | Michael Montero |
| Defense Attorney | Leah Wigren | Prosecutor(s) | Wendy Maddox  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 | 1 | Number of Clients Out-of-Custody | 0 |
| Cases Continued  In Custody | 0 | Cases Continued  Out-of-Custody | 0 |
| Hearing Types | Pretrial 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?**  Leah appeared prepared for court. | | | |
| **How knowledgeable was the Attorney about their cases?**  Leah 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 / 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 / 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:**  Leah had one case on calendar today:   1. Pretrial Hearing: The client is in custody and present in person. The case is currently set for a jury trial on April 9-11, 2025. The parties informed the court that they believe this case will settle prior to trial. They are waiting to hear back from the victims regarding the restitution amount. Leah filed a pretrial motion this morning. Leah stipulated that the State’s time to respond to the defense motion be stayed while the parties are attempting to negotiate a resolution of the case. If the case resolves, there is no need for the State to respond to the defense motion. However, if it proves that the case is not going to resolve, then Leah will request that the State’s time to respond to the motion begin.   The court set another Pretrial/Status is set for 3/25/2025 at 9:30 a.m.  Leah asked the court to lower the bail from $3,000 bondable to $1,000 bondable.  The court stated that it will consider the bail reduction motion and announce its decision on 3/25/2025. In the meantime, bail remains as previously ordered. | | | |