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| **DIDS Attorney Observation Report** | | **Reviewer** | Derrick Lopez |
| Date | February 26, 2025 | County | Elko |
| Court | Elko Justice Court – Department A | Judge | Bryan Drake for Randall Soderquist |
| Defense Attorney | Kirsteen Pickering | Prosecutor(s) | None present for one case.  Hanley, Deputy City Attorney present for one case. |
| 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 | 0 |
| Hearing Types | Arraignment | | |
| **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?**  Kirsty appeared to be prepared for her case today. | | | |
| **How knowledgeable was the Attorney about their cases?**  Kirsty appeared to be knowledgeable about her case today. | | | |
| **The Attorney's courtroom advocacy skills were:**  Kirsty’ 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:**  Kirsty had 1 client on today’s calendar for an Arraignment hearing. The client was out-of-custody and appeared in person. The client entered a Not Guilty plea to a charge of Battery that Constitutes Domestic Violence. The client waived his right to a trial within 60 days. Kirsty informed the court that her client was invoking his right to a jury trial. Kirsty further informed the court that she would file a written demand for Jury Trial shortly.  The trial date will be set by the court calendaring system. | | | |