

Hawthorne Township Justice Court
March 18, 2024

Judge: Karry Larramendy

Prosecutors: Ken Tedford

Summary of Observation Visit

No. of scheduled cases for indigent defendants: 7

No. of cases where defendant is in custody: 2

No. of cases where defendant is out of custody: 5

No. of cases being handled by attorney Stevie DeSomber: 6

In custody: 2

Out of custody: 4

Cases continued for in custody: 2

Cases continued for out of custody: 4

No. of cases being handled by attorney Kelsey Angeley (Zoom)

Out of custody: 1

Cases continued for out of custody: 1

Observation Checklist from Davis Monitor

(1) Did the attorneys have a substantive, confidential meeting with each client before court (If you know or can tell from observation): Yes.

(2) Did the attorneys argue for pretrial release/OR, or for reasonable bail: Not applicable.

(3) Did the court require the defendant(s) to reimburse the entity for representation: No.

(4) Did the attorneys counsel each client to refrain from waiving trial rights until the attorney completed investigation of the case (If you know): Not applicable.

(5) Did the attorneys appear to have counseled clients to refrain from waiving any rights at arraignment: Not applicable.

(6) Did the attorneys appear to know their client's cases and to be prepared: Yes.

(7) Did the attorneys appear to adequately advise clients of the

consequences of accepting a guilty plea or going to trial, including any collateral consequences: Yes.

(8) Do the attorneys appear to have sustainable workloads: Yes.

(9) Overall, do the attorneys appear to be providing effective representation of their clients: Yes.

Monitor's Request in 12th Report of the Monitor (Page 12)

In the 12th Report of the Monitor, the Monitor indicated on page 12 that it would be helpful to have clear metrics to apply to court observation and issues of remote appearances. The Monitor posed four (4) questions that if answered would be helpful to the Monitor. The following are the questions together with answers to assist the Monitor.

(1) Did the attorneys show up: Yes.

(2) Did the attorneys have their files: Yes.

(3) Did the attorneys appear to know information about the clients and there cases in addition to what was presented by the prosecutors: Yes.

(4) In any sentencing hearing, did the attorney for the defendant present mitigating information or elaboration on the pre-sentencing report: Not applicable.

Additional Information and/or Comments

Two of the cases, one for each attorney had to be continued as their clients appeared by Zoom and the Zoom system was not working at the Courthouse. The defendants could hear what was going on but we unable to speak to the Court or their attorneys on Zoom.