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| **DIDS Attorney Observation Report** | | **Reviewer** | Derrick Lopez |
| Date | May 21, 2025 | County | Douglas |
| Court | East Fork Justice Court | Judge | Laurie Trotter |
| Defense Attorney | Matt Ence | Prosecutor(s) | William Murphy and Heidi Remick  Deputy District Attorney |
| Attorney Present | In Person / Virtual / w/Client | Number of Clients | 6 |
| Defendants Present | In Person / Virtual / Off-Site | Custodial Status | IC / OOC / Blend |
| Number of Clients  In custody | 0 | Number of Clients Out-of-Custody | 6 |
| Cases Continued  In Custody | 0 | Cases Continued  Out-of-Custody | 3 |
| Hearing Types | Status, Review, and Alternative Sentencing Violation hearings | | |
| **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?**  Matt appeared prepared for court. | | | |
| **How knowledgeable was the Attorney about their cases?**  Matt appeared to be knowledgeable about his cases. | | | |
| **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:**  Matt had 6 clients on calendar today:   1. First client: Review hearing. The client is out of custody and present in person.   Matt presented the court with the client’s proof of completion of DUI school, VIP, 48 hours cs, monthly counseling report from Tahoe Youth and Family Services in compliance with the requirements of the Judgment of Conviction. The fine was previously paid from the cash bail. All active requirements are now completed.   1. Second Client: Status hearing. The client is out of custody and present in person.   Matt informed the court that the parties were not able to reach a resolution. They need to set it for trial.  The trial was set for 7/25/2025 as a second setting     1. Third client: Review hearing. The client is out of custody and present in person.   Matt informed the court that this misdemeanor case is trailing a District Court case. The misdemeanor case was continued to 6/11/2025 at 2:00 p.m.   1. Fourth client: Alternative Sentencing Violation hearing. The client is out of custody and present in person.  * Matt informed the court that the parties have reached an agreement. The client will plead guilty to DUI-2nd (the only charge). The Sentencing hearing will need to be set out for the client to obtain a Substance Use Evaluation. * The parties asked that the ASV be addressed at the sentencing hearing. * The client pled guilty to DUI-2nd. The client and attorney reviewed, signed, and filed with the court a DUI Waiver of Rights form. The joint sentencing recommendation is for the court’s standard DUI-2nd offense penalties. * Following the court canvass, the court accepted the guilty plea. * The Court set the sentencing hearing on 6/25/2025 at 2:00 p.m. The client is ordered to obtain a Substance Use Evaluation and have the written evaluation for the court by the sentencing hearing. The court stated that it has received a filed copy of the prior conviction but will address the validity of the prior at the sentencing hearing.  1. Fifth client: Status hearing. The client is out of custody and present in person.   Matt informed the court that the Client said that he has hired attorney Daniel Spence to represent him in this case. Matt requested that the hearing be continued to enable Daniel Spence to file the substitution of counsel.  The court continued the hearing to 6/25/2025 at 9:00 a.m.   1. Sixth client: Status hearing. The client is out of custody and not present.   Matt informed the court that the client is in custody in the Washoe County Jail. The client is scheduled to be released from the Washoe Jail on 5/29/2025. The court set an Order to Show Cause hearing for 6/11/2025 at 2:00 p.m. | | | |