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| **DIDS Attorney Observation Report** | | **Reviewer** | Derrick Lopez |
| Date | March 5, 2025 | County | Douglas |
| Court | East Fork Justice Court | Judge | Laurie Trotter |
| Defense Attorney | Mary Brown | Prosecutor(s) | Aaron Thomas  Deputy District Attorney |
| Attorney Present | In Person / Virtual / w/Client | Number of Clients | 2 |
| Defendants Present | In Person / Virtual / Off-Site | Custodial Status | IC / OOC / Blend |
| Number of Clients  In custody | 0 | Number of Clients Out-of-Custody | 2 |
| Cases Continued  In Custody | 0 | Cases Continued  Out-of-Custody | 1 |
| Hearing Types | Status 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?**  Mary appeared prepared for court. | | | |
| **How knowledgeable was the Attorney about their cases?**  Mary appeared to be knowledgeable about her 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:**  Mary had 2 cases on the court calendar:   1. First client: Status hearing. The State had just provided a settlement offer to Mary. Mary requested a 3 week continuance for her client to consider the offer. The client waived her right to a speedy preliminary hearing previously. The State had no objection. The court continued the hearing to 3/26/2025 at 2:00 p.m. 2. Second client: Status hearing. The parties reached a settlement agreement. The client pled guilty to DUI-2nd offense. The parties agreed to jointly recommend a sentence of: 180 days jail, with 20 days active and 160 days suspended for 2 years; $1,140 in fines fees, and assessments; an Interlock Device for 1 year; DUI school; Victim Impact Panel; sobriety, search, seizure, and testing; violate no laws; Department of Alternative Sentencing supervision. The client pled guilty to DUI-2nd offense. Following the court canvass, the court accepted the guilty plea. The State presented a prior conviction. The defense did not object to its admission and use for enhancement purposes. The court reviewed the prior conviction and admitted it for enhancement purposes. The sentencing hearing was continued to 3/11/2025 at 2:00 p.m. because a Substance Use Evaluation is required prior to sentencing due to the client’s high blood alcohol level (.194). The client explained that he met with the evaluator but the evaluator has not submitted the evaluation report yet. | | | |