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| **DIDS Attorney Observation Report** | | **Reviewer** | Derrick Lopez |
| Date | May 19, 2025 | County | Pershing |
| Court | Eleventh Judicial District Court | Judge | Jim Shirley |
| Defense Attorney | Debra Amens | Prosecutor(s) | Paul Yohey  District Attorney |
| Attorney Present | In Person / Virtual / w/Client | Number of Clients | 0 |
| 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 | 1 |
| Hearing Types | Sentencing 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?**  Debra appeared prepared for court. | | | |
| **How knowledgeable was the Attorney about their cases?**  Debra appeared to be knowledgeable about her case. | | | |
| **The Attorney's courtroom advocacy skills were:**  Good. | | | |
| **How was the Attorney/client communication?**  I was unable to form and opinion regarding the attorney-client communication from today’s hearing. | | | |
| **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 / N/A |
| 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:**  Debra had 1 client on today’s court calendar:   1. First Client: **Sentencing hearing**. The client is out of custody and no present in court.  * Deputy District Attorney Paul Yohey explained to the court that the client is out of custody in this case, but is in jail in White Pine County on an Assault with a Deadly Weapon charge (same as in this case). Paul further explained that on April 1, 2025, the State prepared an Order to Produce the client for today’s hearing. Paul does not know why the client was not transported to this court hearing pursuant to the Order to Produce. Paul further informed the court that the client is undergoing a competency evaluation in White Pine County and has a review hearing in District Court on 6/23/2025 in White Pine County. * Debra confirmed that information is correct and that it is anticipated that the client’s mental competency evaluations will be completed prior to that June review hearing. * The court continued the Sentencing hearing in this case to 6/30/2025. The court stated that the client may appear at that hearing telephonically if she is still in custody. | | | |