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| **DIDS Attorney Observation Report** | | **Reviewer** | Derrick Lopez by Zoom Video |
| Date | February 4, 2025 | County | Elko |
| Court | Elko Justice Court – Department A | Judge | Randall Soderquist |
| Defense Attorney | Kirsty Pickering | Prosecutor(s) | Ryan McCormick, DDA  Justin Barainca, DDA |
| 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 | 1 | Number of Clients  Out-of-Custody | 1 |
| Cases Continued  In Custody | 1 | Cases Continued  Out-of-Custody | 1 |
| Hearing Types | Pre-Preliminary Hearing | | |
| **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 cases today. | | | |
| **How knowledgeable was the Attorney about their cases?**  Kirsty appeared to be knowledgeable about her cases 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 2 clients on today’s calendar:   1. Client 1: Pre-Preliminary Hearing. Client out-of-custody appearing by Zoom. The parties requested a 30-45 day continuance to continue to negotiate this case in light of the client’s case in another jurisdiction resolving. The Pre-Preliminary Hearing was continued to March 18, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. 2. Client 2: Pre-Preliminary Hearing. Client in custody appearing by Zoom. Kirsty requested a continuance. The client has been accepted into the Drug Court program in another case and has a bed available at the New Frontier residential treatment program. Kirsty also requested an O.R. release so that the client can enter the New Frontier program. The court released the client on his O.R. with conditions including that he directly enter the New Frontier residential treatment program. The hearing was continued to April 15, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. | | | |