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| **DIDS Attorney Observation Report** | | **Reviewer** | Derrick Lopez |
| Date | April 28, 2025 | County | Douglas |
| Court | Ninth Judicial District Court Dept II | Judge | Thomas Gregory |
| Defense Attorney | Matt Stermitz | Prosecutor(s) | Ric Casper  Deputy District Attorney |
| Attorney Present | In Person / Virtual / w/Client | Number of Clients | 1 |
| 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 | Arraignment 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?**  Matt appeared as prepared for court as possible in light of the client not appearing at the latest scheduled meeting with Matt and not appearing in court today. | | | |
| **How knowledgeable was the Attorney about their cases?**  Matt appeared to be knowledgeable about his case. | | | |
| **The Attorney's courtroom advocacy skills were:**  Good. | | | |
| **How was the Attorney/client communication?**  I was unable to form an opinion regarding he attorney-client communication from today’s court 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 / 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 1 client scheduled for court this morning:  Client 1. Arraignment hearing. The client was out of custody and not present in court. Matt explained to the court that the client was recently in an inpatient treatment program followed by temporary stay at the Eddy housing in Washoe County as transitional living. The client had planned to meet Matt at 8:00 a.m. this morning. Matt did not know why the client was not present. The State requested the court issue an Order to Show Cause rather than a bench warrant to give the defense an opportunity to find client and have her attend voluntarily. The court set an Order to Show Cause and Continued Arraignment for 5/12/2025 at 8:30 a.m. | | | |