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| **DIDS Attorney Observation Report** | | **Reviewer** | Derrick Lopez |
| Date | February 26, 2025 | County | Elko |
| Court | Elko Justice Court – Department A | Judge | Bryan Drake for Randall Soderquist |
| Defense Attorney | Thomas Gunter  Deputy Public Defender | Prosecutor(s) | None present for one case.  Hanley, Deputy City Attorney present for one case. |
| 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 | Arraignment and Order to Show Cause. | | |
| **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?**  Thomas appeared to be prepared for his cases today. | | | |
| **How knowledgeable was the Attorney about their cases?**  Thomas appeared to be knowledgeable about his cases today. | | | |
| **The Attorney's courtroom advocacy skills were:**  Thomas’ advocacy skills were good. | | | |
| **How was the Attorney/client communication?**  The attorney-client communication appeared to be good with the client who appeared in court. I was unable to form an opinion regarding the client who failed to appear. | | | |
| **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:**  Thomas had 2 clients on today’s calendar:   1. Client 1: Arraignment hearing. The client was out-of-custody and did not appear. Thomas requested a one week continuance. The court continued the Arraignment and set an Order to Show Cause for 3/26/2025 at 8:30 a.m 2. Client 2: Order to Show Cause. The client was out-of-custody and appeared in person. The client had two cases on calendar (one in the Justice Court and one in the Municipal Court). The Public Defender’s Office was previously appointed on the JC case. No attorney had been appointed in the Municipal Court case. The client requested the appointment of an attorney in the Municipal Court case. The Court appointed the Public Defender’s Office to represent the client in the Municipal Court case. Thomas requested that pretrial conferences be set in both cases. Thomas also requested that the court not find the client in contempt and recall the bench warrants based on the client voluntarily appearing in court today. The Court made no finding of contempt, recalled the bench warrants, and set pretrial conferences for both cases on 4-24-25 at 10:00 a.m. | | | |