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| **DIDS Attorney Observation Report** | | **Reviewer** | Derrick Lopez |
| Date | March 26, 2025 | County | Lander |
| Court | Eleventh Judicial District Court | Judge | Spencer Roberts |
| Defense Attorney | David Neidert | Prosecutor(s) | Michael MacDonald  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 | 0 |
| Hearing Types | Preliminary Hearing and Bench Trial | | |
| **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?**  David appeared as prepared for court as possible in light of his client not contacting him or returning his phone calls or appearing for the court hearing. | | | |
| **How knowledgeable was the Attorney about their cases?**  David appeared to be knowledgeable about his case to the extent possible from the discovery and without having heard from his client. | | | |
| **The Attorney's courtroom advocacy skills were:**  Good. | | | |
| **How was the Attorney/client communication?**  The attorney-client communication appeared to be non-existent. | | | |
| **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:**  David had one client on today’s court calendar.  The matter was scheduled for a Preliminary Hearing and a Bench Trial. The client was out-of-custody and did not appear in court. Neidert informed the court that he does not know where his client is or why she is not present. He also informed the court that he has been unable to contact the client to convey the settlement offer (which expired yesterday) as she has not answered her phone and has not returned his calls. He has left messages on her phone at the number provided to him. The phone recording does indicate his client’s name.  The court issued a Bench Warrant for the felony case in the amount of $20,000 cash only.  The court issued a Bench Warrant for the misdemeanor case in the amount of $500 cash only. | | | |