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| **DIDS Attorney Observation Report** | | **Reviewer** | Derrick Lopez |
| Date | April 30, 2025 | County | Douglas |
| Court | East Fork Justice Court | Judge | Laurie Trotter |
| Defense Attorney | Sam Figuero | Prosecutor(s) | William Murphy  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 | Status 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?**  Sam appeared prepared for court. | | | |
| **How knowledgeable was the Attorney about their cases?**  Sam appeared to be knowledgeable about his case. | | | |
| **The Attorney's courtroom 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 / 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:**  Sam had 1 client on calendar today:  Status hearing: The client is out-of-custody and present in person. Sam informed the court that the client intends to accept the settlement offer (which is the same offer that the co-defendant accepted earlier today). However, in this case, the State did not prepare or file the Second Amended Criminal Complaint charging 2 counts of Disorderly Conduct consistent with the settlement negotiations. The parties have stipulated to continue this hearing to the same date as the sentencing date for the co-defendant (5/28/2025 at 2:00 p.m.) at which time the client will enter her guilty plea to the 2 counts of Disorderly Conduct and proceed directly to sentencing.  Order to Show Cause hearing: The court also had today set for an Order to Show Cause hearing regarding the client and Sam failing to appear at the last hearing date. Sam explained that his mother had passed away and with the funeral arrangements and everything related to her death, he missed the court date. It was his error not to communicate with the court and obtain a continuance for which he apologized. The client’s non-appearance was based on communication from him regarding his intention to obtain a continuance. The court accepted the explanation and apology and made no finding of contempt.  The State will notify the victims that this case, along with the co-defendant’s case will have the sentencing hearing on 5/21/2025 at 2:00 p.m. | | | |