

FOX VALLEY COURT WATCH
QUARTERLY REPORT



Eye on the Domestic Violence Courts

FIRST QUARTER REPORT
JANUARY 1 TO MARCH 31, 2017

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The first quarter of 2017 produced a total of 44 observations (Kane County: 15 reports; Kendall County: 29 reports). Observation outcomes breakdown as follows:

NOTE: The number of observations declined during the quarter due in part to availability of observers. Court watch is working to recruit and train additional observers to improve coverage of domestic violence cases and order of protection matters in both counties.

Kane County:

- 12 cases were continued.
- 1 case dismissed, due to victim or witness continuing to not appear.
- 1 case resulted in a guilty verdict
- 1 case resulted in a not guilty verdict

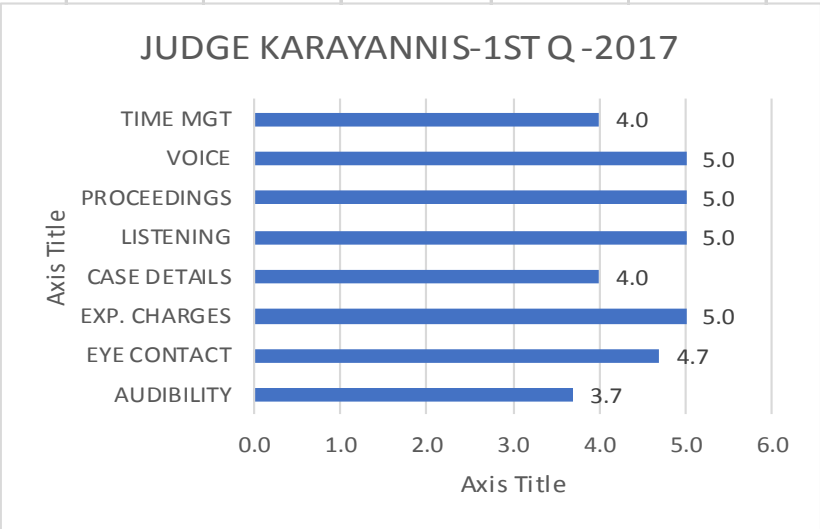
Kendall County:

- 13 cases were continued mostly due to victim or witness was not present
- 9 cases were dismissed due to victim or witness continuing to not appear
- 3 cases guilty verdict
- 3 cases not guilty verdict
- 1 motion for an emergency order of protection was granted

The following pages display the scores given to the Judges observed and supporting comments.

The attached files display the details of the cases observed in Kane and Kendall County.

1ST Q - 2017	AUDIBILITY	EYE CONTACT	EXPLAIN CHARGES	CASE DETAILS	LISTENING SKILLS	COURT PROCEEDINGS	VOICE TONE	TIME MANAGEMENT
Karayannis	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Karayannis	3	5	5	3	5	5	5	3
Karayannis	3	4	5	4	5	5	5	4
AVG SCORE	3.7	4.7	5.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.0



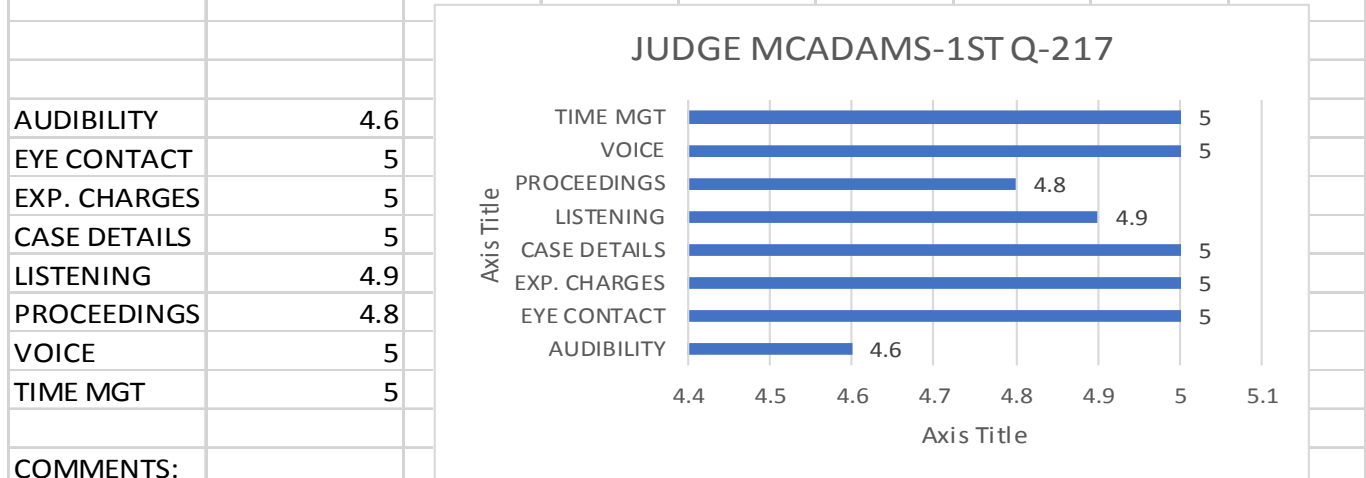
AUDIBILITY	3.7
EYE CONTACT	4.7
EXP. CHARGES	5.0
CASE DETAILS	4.0
LISTENING	5.0
PROCEEDINGS	5.0
VOICE	5.0
TIME MGT	4.0

COMMENTS:

Recognized the defendant's need to be evaluated before his next court date. Empathy for minor defendant.
 Coughed frequently and had a drink on the bench
 Cannot hear as well when both judge and attorneys talk, or when there is an interpreter

1ST Q - 2017	AUDIBILITY	EYE CONTACT	EXPLAIN CHARGES	CASE DETAILS	LISTENING SKILLS	COURT PROCEEDINGS	VOICE TONE	TIME MANAGEMENT																		
DALTON	2	5	5	5	5	5	5	5																		
DALTON	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	4																		
DALTON	2	4	3	5	3	4	4	3																		
DALTON	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	4																		
AVG SCORE	3.0	4.8	4.5	5.0	4.5	4.8	4.8	4.0																		
AUDIBILITY	3.0																									
EYE CONTACT	4.8																									
EXP. CHARGES	4.5																									
CASE DETAILS	5.0																									
LISTENING	4.5																									
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COMMENTS:																										
List posted provided more information, big improvement																										
Clerk asked why I was there.																										
Bailiff and clerk came across as rude.																										
Judge mumbles.																										
Leans back in chair with hands behind his head during testimony																										
Seems arrogant and argumentative with attorneys.																										
Very knowledgeable of case. Strong time mgt. Humorous at times.																										
Judge stated he was firm but fair and that he had a 12:00 mtg. to discuss schedules																										
Used hand signals to ask litigants to speak louder.																										

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MCADAMS	5	5	5	5	4	4	5	5
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MCADAMS	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
MCADAMS	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
MCADAMS	2	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
MCADAMS	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
AVG SCORE	4.6	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.8	5.0	5.0



COMMENTS:

I was impressed with the Judge.

Judge made good use of time.

Much better audibility in room 114 than with the prior Judge.

Very organized, no wasted time.

Took a short recess until attorney talks produced an agreement.

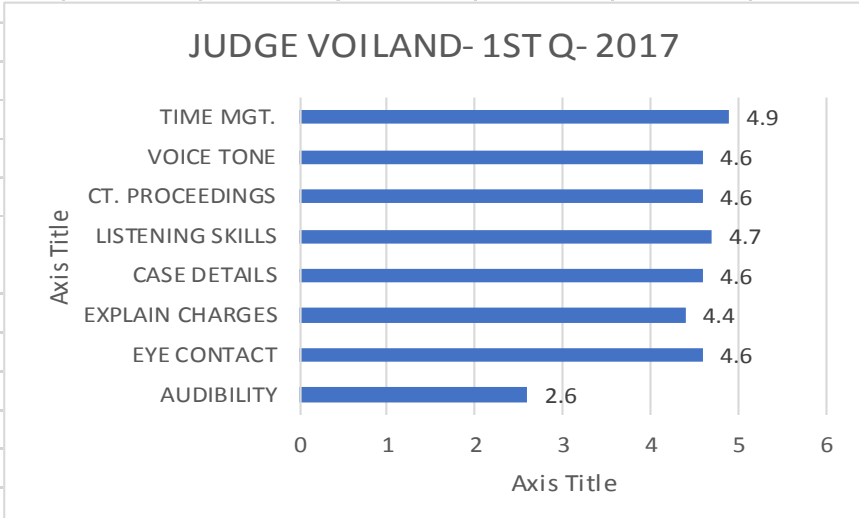
Excellent eye contact, complete explanations given to all parties.

Short proceeding resulted in dismissal. Needed to ask what happened after session.

VERY GOOD CONTROL OF COURTROOM

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VOILAND	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
VOILAND	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
VOILAND	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
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VOILAND	2	4	4	4	5	5	5	5
AVG SCORE	2.6	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.9

AUDIBILITY	2.6
EYE CONTACT	4.6
EXPLAIN CHARGES	4.4
CASE DETAILS	4.6
LISTENING SKILLS	4.7
CT. PROCEEDINGS	4.6
VOICE TONE	4.6
TIME MGT.	4.9



COMMENTS:
 People in front of rail standing and talking while in session. Bailiff did tell gallery to stop talking.
 Cannot hear well enough to determine Judge's performance in some areas.
 Difficult to hear proceedings, needed to ask someone about the outcome.
 Judge does an excellent job with cases but does not speak up and doesn't use microphone.
 Judge and attorneys could not be heard most of the time. Most information about proceedings came afterwards from attorneys.

