

FOX VALLEY COURT WATCH
QUARTERLY REPORT



Eye on the Domestic Violence Courts

SECOND QUARTER REPORT
APRIL 1 TO JUNE 30, 2017

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The second quarter of 2017 produced a total of 91 observations (Kane County: 64 reports; Kendall County: 27 reports). Observation outcomes breakdown as follows:

NOTE: The number of observations doubled those made during the first quarter due to the availability of additional observers. The main obstacle to Court Watch Observers in Kane County is the absence of an effective way to identify pending domestic bench and jury trials. The problem is two-fold. First, the lack of a system file that can be sorted. Secondly, the assignment of felony domestic cases to multiple courtrooms. Members of the Court Watch Board plan to schedule a meeting with Kane County to discuss these issues.

We continue to receive a monthly updated listing of domestic trials from the Kendall County States Attorney's office. Continuation dates are reported by the observer so these cases can be tracked and observed when possible.

Kane County:

- 31 cases were continued.
- 6 cases were dismissed, mostly due to victim or witness continuing to not appear.
- 9 cases resulted in a guilty plea or verdict.
- 5 cases resulted in a not guilty verdict.
- 9 OP requests were granted.
- 2 OP requests were denied.
- 1 pre-trial motion was denied.
- 1 case no action taken.

Kendall County:

- 7 cases were continued mostly due to victim or witness was not present.
- 8 cases were dismissed due to victim or witness continuing to not appear.
- 8 cases guilty verdict, 4 of these were pleaded down to common battery.
- 3 cases not guilty verdict.
- 1 OP request was granted.

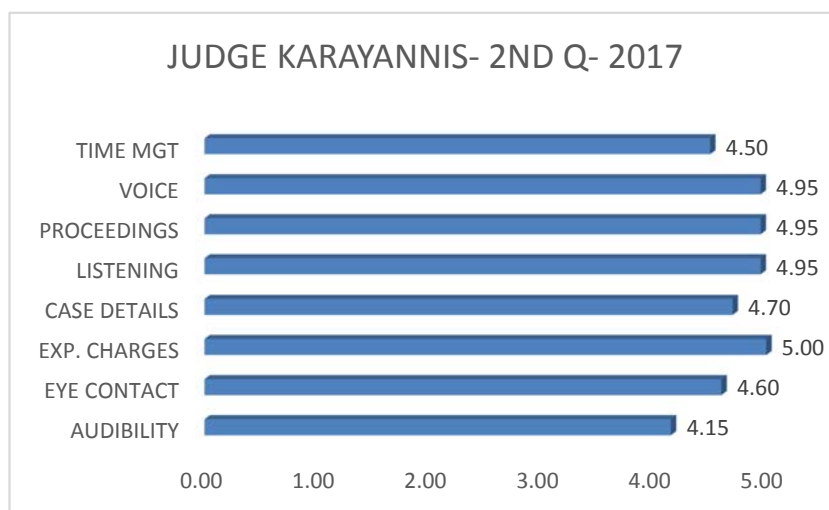
The following pages display the scores given to the Judges observed and supporting comments.

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

2nd Q - 2017	AUDIBILITY	EYE CONTACT	EXPLAIN CHARGES	CASE DETAILS	LISTENING SKILLS	COURT PROCEEDINGS	VOICE TONE	TIME MANAGEMENT
Karayannis	3	5	5	5	5	5	4	4
Karayannis	3	4	5	5	5	5	5	4
Karayannis	5	4	5	5	5	5	5	5
Karayannis	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	3
Karayannis	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Karayannis	4	4	5	4	5	5	5	4
Karayannis	5	5	5	4	5	5	5	5
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Karayannis	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5
Karayannis	4	3	5	5	5	5	5	4
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Karayannis	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	4
Karayannis	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Karayannis	4	4	5	4	5	5	5	4
Karayannis	2	5	5	5	5	5	5	3
Karayannis	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
AVG SCORE	4.15	4.6	5	4.7	4.95	4.95	4.95	4.5

AUDIBILITY	4.15
EYE CONTACT	4.60
EXP. CHARGES	5.00
CASE DETAILS	4.70
LISTENING	4.95
PROCEEDINGS	4.95
VOICE	4.95
TIME MGT	4.50

COMMENTS:



Several jury trials were scheduled. Judge disposed of all except case she was hearing.

45 cases on docket for 32 litigants. No trials during this session.

Bailiff frequently said shush to the audience. Noisy courtroom.

Noise coming from short hallway at entrance to courtroom.

Judge audible but other participants were not.

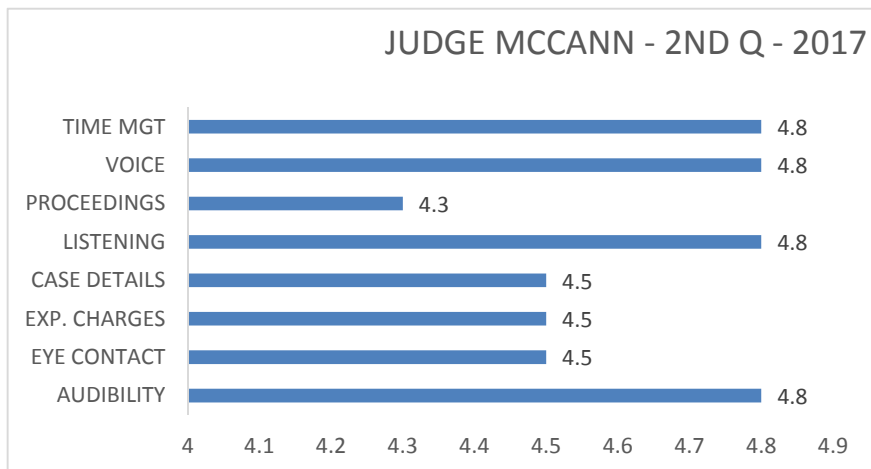
View blocked by attorneys standing at tables.

Slow pace due to litigants arriving late and working on cases during session.

27 status hearings on docket, Judge told attorneys to speak up.
 Noisy courtroom with attorneys talking inside and outside courtroom.
 Judge took break due to cases not being ready.
 Three no appearance orders issued.
 Judge told attorneys to stop talking at tables or would be escorted outside.
 Late arrival of prisoners delayed proceedings.
 Loud noises outside in hallway.
 Judge told one person to pull up his pants.
 All delays were caused by attorneys not being ready.
 One status hearing resulted in guilty plea, Judge took time to review/ask questions.
 Everyone at tables much quieter than previously observed.
 Interpreter makes it hard to hear others.
 All attorneys look down and speak softly.
 Strong time management shown.
 Bailiff excused two people from courtroom.

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MCCANN	5	5	5	5	5	4	5	5
MCCANN	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
MCCANN	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
MCCANN	4	3	3	3	4	3	4	4
AVERAGE	4.8	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.8	4.3	4.8	4.8

AUDIBILITY	4.8
EYE CONTACT	4.5
EXP. CHARGES	4.5
CASE DETAILS	4.5
LISTENING	4.8
PROCEEDINGS	4.3
VOICE	4.8
TIME MGT	4.8



COMMENTS:

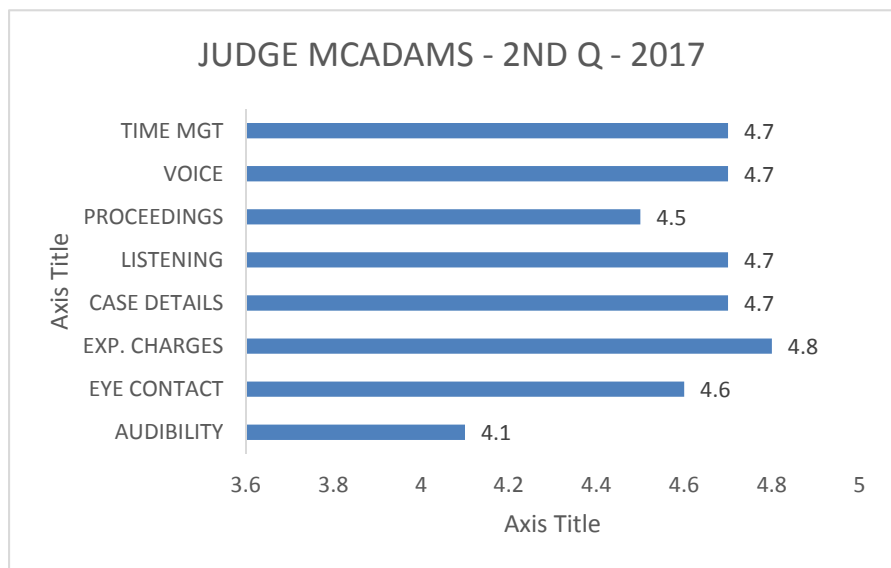
Charges were not stated.
 Could hear Judge and both attorneys.
 Lots of standing and talking in front of rail.
 Judge asked witnesses to speak up.
 Plea agreement explained in detail.
 Seemed patient when defendant was no show. Offered two fifteen-minute delays.

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MCADAMS	3	5	5	5	5	5	5
MCADAMS	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
MCADAMS	3	5	5	5	5	3	5
MCADAMS	3	5	5	5	5	3	5
MCADAMS	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
MCADAMS	4	5	5	5	5	5	4
MCADAMS	4	2	4	3	3	4	4
MCADAMS	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
MCADAMS	4	5	5	5	5	5	5
MCADAMS	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
MCADAMS	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
MCADAMS	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
MCADAMS	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
AVG SCORE	4.1	4.6	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.7

AUDIBILITY	4.1
EYE CONTACT	4.6
EXP. CHARGES	4.8
CASE DETAILS	4.7
LISTENING	4.7
PROCEEDINGS	4.5
VOICE	4.7
TIME MGT	4.7

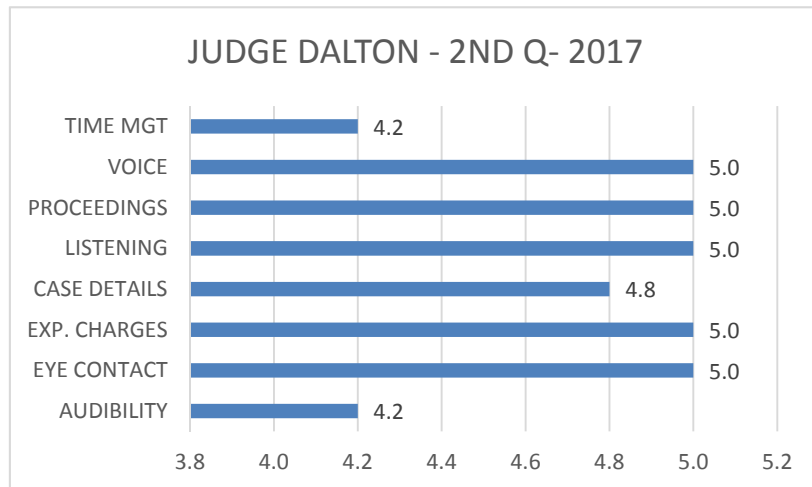
COMMENTS:

Could not hear attorney responses to Judge.
 Very considerate of people's time.
 Could not hear details of plea agreement given by public defender.
 Judge handled several court issues without delaying posted cases.
 Room 114 audibility much improved with Judge McAdams.



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DALTON	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
DALTON	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	4
DALTON	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3
DALTON	4	5	5	4	5	5	5	4
DALTON	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
AVG SCORE	4.2	5.0	5.0	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.2

AUDIBILITY 4.2
 EYE CONTACT 5.0
 EXP. CHARGES 5.0
 CASE DETAILS 4.8
 LISTENING 5.0
 PROCEEDINGS 5.0
 VOICE 5.0
 TIME MGT 4.2

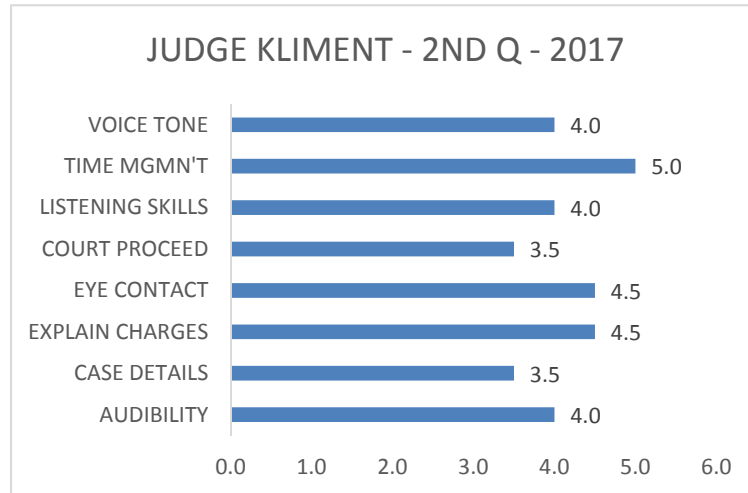


COMMENTS:

Bailiff said I could sit in chair behind attorney table.
 Judge was humorous with everyone.
 Judge asked observer if he had any questions.
 Judge works fast and effectively.
 Judge humorous during down time.
 All seats filled
 Judge thoroughly reviewed notes and file prior to making a decision.
 Judge was spoken over but kept his composure.

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KLIMENT	4	4	5	5	4	4	5	4
KLIMENT	4	3	4	4	3	4	5	4
AVERAGE SCORE	4.0	3.5	4.5	4.5	3.5	4.0	5.0	4.0

AUDIBILITY	4.0
CASE DETAILS	3.5
EXPLAIN CHARGES	4.5
EYE CONTACT	4.5
COURT PROCEED	3.5
LISTENING SKILLS	4.0
TIME MGMN'T	5.0
VOICE TONE	4.0



Comments:

Courtroom 217 was cold.

Bailiff told gallery to keep their arms off back of benches.

BT scheduled online and on docket outside courtroom was changed to next day.

