

FOX VALLEY COURT WATCH

QUARTERLY REPORT



Eye on the Domestic Violence Courts

SECOND QUARTER REPORT

APRIL 1 TO JUNE 30, 2018

KANE/KENDALL COUNTY

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We continue to strongly urge that the Kane County Board work with the Kane County Court to restore the GPS program. We continue to receive monthly updates of domestic trials from the Kendall County states attorney's office. Kendall County case continuation dates are reported by observers, so these cases can be tracked and observed. We also receive information from Kane County regarding Domestic cases.

Court Watch observers have noticed, and commented on, the use of humor by Judges and attorneys. There are concerns that humorous comments might not be appreciated by domestic violence victims and their family members. We urge the officers of the court to be mindful of the feelings of everyone in the courtroom.

During second quarter of 2018 a total of 50 observations were reported. (Kane County: 30 reports; Kendall County: 20 reports) Several cases were observed and reported on by multiple observers. Court Watch encourages this practice because it provides differing opinions on these cases. Observation outcomes breakdown as follows:

Kane County:

- 4 - cases were continued.
- 3 - cases were dismissed.
- 11 - cases resulted in a guilty verdict.
- 1 - case resulted in a not guilty verdict.
- 8 - OP requests were granted.
- 2 - OP requests were denied.
- 1 - Jury was selected.

Kendall County:

- 7 - cases were continued.
- 10 - cases were dismissed.
- 1 - case resulted in a guilty verdict.
- 1 - case resulted in a not guilty verdict
- 1 - sentencing hearing was observed.

The following pages display the scores given to the Judges observed and supporting comments. Note: Judges that were observed only one time during the quarter are not included in this report.

The attached files display the details taken from the observation reports for Kane and Kendall Counties.

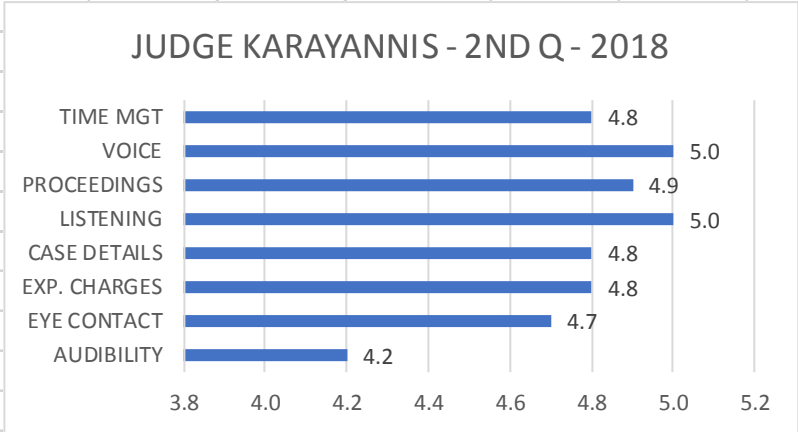
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Comments:	<p>Judge frequently called attorneys to bench to discuss exhibits. Strong time mgt.</p> <p>No audio or video equipment on rm 001. Difficult to hear and for attorneys to present evidence.</p> <p>Judge reviewed testimony during break so she was ready to proceed.</p> <p>Need to have video equipment so judge can see what witness is pointing to on attorney's tablet.</p>																									

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40 cases,13 dismissed, 6 victim no show, 9 continued.																											
Judge frequently joked with attorneys.																											
Typically in this courtroom everything moves fast, today it was slower and much less audibility.																											
Less explanation given.																											
Judge has quite a sense of humor, bordering on passive aggressive at times, in my opinion.																											
31 cases, 5 dismissed, 6 no shows, 12 Ops approved.																											
Judge joked with attorneys and litigants several times.																											
Frequent noise from cell phones, bailiff told same person three times to shut it off.																											
39 cases, 9 dismissed, 9 victim no shows, 8 OPs granted, 3 OPs denied.																											
Attorneys stood in background and talked and laughed. Judge put his hand to his ear to hear.																											
One litigant sent to jail from courtroom.																											
Judge joked frequently. Told litigants to speak up.																											
Numerous cases delayed or continued due to attorneys not ready.																											
Stalking case of two 12 year olds was dismissed, but judge issued no contact order. Both sets of parents agreed.																											

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EXP. CHARGES	4.8
CASE DETAILS	4.8
LISTENING	5.0
PROCEEDINGS	4.9
VOICE	5.0
TIME MGT	4.8



Comments:

JUDGE OFTEN DID NOT LOOK AT PERSON SPEAKING. CLOSED HER EYES OR LOOKED AWAY.
 A COMFORT DOG NAMED FOREST WAS ESCORTED IN THE THIRD FLOOR HALL. PROGRAM IS THREE MONTHS OLD.
 JUDGE VERY EFFICIENT AND AUDIBLE.
 38 MINUTE 402 CONFERENCE RESULTED IN PLEA AGREEMENT.
 Five trials scheduled, one trial proceeded.
 Unexpected bond call, no time to bring file up so judge granted bail with warnings.
 Lots of conversation at first, Judge asked attorneys to take it somewhere else.

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Prosecution very efficient, met with victim the week before court session.																										
Judge encouraged victim to speak up so back of room could hear her testimony.																										
Case observed was a two day trial due to the number of witnesses.																										
Very efficient questioning of prospective jurors.																										

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Judge kept the courtroom waiting for 20 minutes. Apologies to attorneys but ignored gallery.																										

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Judge spoke very softly and only to those directly in front of the bench. The gallery was ignored.																										
Two victim no shows resulted in two continuances.																										
Considerate of all parties. Explained defendant's rights and obligations. Thought he was fair.																										