

# FOX VALLEY COURT WATCH

## QUARTERLY REPORT



Eye on the Domestic Violence Courts

### THIRD QUARTER REPORT

### JULY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

## KANE/KENDALL COUNTY

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

##### **KENDALL COUNTY:**

Court Watch encourages the County Court system to educate judges hearing domestic violence cases in the dynamics of domestic violence.

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.

Kendall County bond call is now held at 1:00 PM in room 114. Court watch will be observing this process and reporting on domestic violence cases.

We urge the use of the sound system and tables in room 114 for domestic violence case proceedings. When victims and family members are sitting in the gallery they simply cannot hear the proceedings when they are conducted at the bench. This should include the presentation of plea agreements by attorneys.

**KANE COUNTY:**

Court Watch continues to be concerned that judges hearing domestic violence cases still have not been educated in the dynamics of domestic violence. We urge the County court system to return to a designated court room for felony domestic violence cases. Many others in the domestic violence field recommend this because this is a specialized crime unlike most crimes.

Court Watch urges the County to reinstate the funding for the GPS system used to monitor domestic violence offenders. As pointed out earlier, this program is essential to the safety of victims of domestic violence.

We continue to receive information from Kane County regarding domestic cases.

Court Watch observers have noticed, a positive change in the use of humor by Judges and attorneys. We urge the officers of the court to continue to be mindful of the feelings of everyone in the courtroom.

**QUARTERLY RESULTS:**

During third quarter of 2018 a total of 77 observations were reported. (Kane County: 28 reports; Kendall County: 49 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:**

- 13 - cases were continued.
- 2 - cases were dismissed.
- 4 - cases resulted in a guilty verdict.
- 3 - cases resulted in a guilty plea.
- 3 - cases resulted in a not guilty verdict.
- 3 - OP requests were -granted.

**Kendall County:**

- 26 - cases were continued.
- 3 - cases were dismissed.
- 7 - cases resulted in a guilty verdict.
- 5 - cases resulted in a guilty plea.
- 3 - cases resulted in a not guilty verdict.
- 1 - sentencing hearing was observed.
- 1 - one motion was granted.
- 2 - orders of protection were granted.
- 1 - domestic violence bond hearing was observed.

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

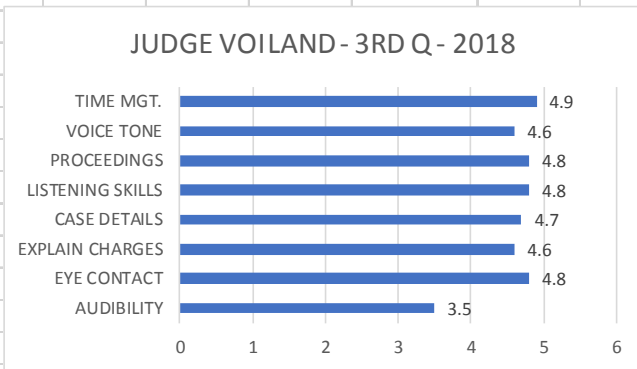
The attached files display the details taken from the observation reports for Kane and Kendall Counties.

3RD Q - 2018	AUDIBILITY	EYE CONTACT	EXPLAIN CHARGES	CASE DETAILS	LISTENING SKILLS	COURT PROCEEDINGS	VOICE TONE	TIME MANAGEMENT																		
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KARAYANNIS	4	5	5	3	5	5	5	3																		
KARAYANNIS	2	5	5	5	5	5	4	4																		
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Comments:																										
INTERPRETER PRESENT FOR ONE CASE, IMPOSSIBLE TO HEAR.																										
ALTHOUGH ATTORNEY TOOK RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEFENDANT NO SHOW, HE WAS REMANDED.																										
JUDGE DID GOOD JOB OF EXPLAINING PROCEEDINGS TO JURY. WAS PERSONABLE.																										
WHEN CONTINUANCE WAS REQUESTED JUDGE STATED THERE WERE 50 CASES EACH DAY DURING JULY.																										
TWO PEOPLE INJURY BOX WITH HOLSTERED GUNS. NO EXPLANATION GIVEN.																										
TWO ASA'S TOOK OVER 20 MINUTES TO PREPARE DOCUMENTS. NO PROCEEDINGS DURING THIS TIME.																										
JUDGE TOOK 20 MINUTE BREAK TO READ DOCUMENTS.																										
COULD NOT HEAR, GOT INFORMATION FROM ONLINE RECORDS. NO WITNESS, SUBPOENA ISSUED. CONT.																										
JUDGE FREQUENTLY REMINDED EVERYONE TO SPEAK UP.																										
WHILE WITNESS WAS ON STAND SEEMED TO BE FOCUSED ON MATERIALS IN FRONT OF HER.																										
USE OF MICROPHONE AND HEADSET BY INTERPRETER WORKS FAR BETTER.																										
COURT BENCHES VERY DUSTY TODAY.																										

3RD Q - 2018	AUDIBILITY	EYE CONTACT	EXPLAIN CHARGES	CASE DETAILS	LISTENING SKILLS	COURT PROCEEDINGS	VOICE TONE	TIME MANAGEMENT
Dalton	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	4
Dalton	4	5	4	4	5	3	5	3
Dalton	4	5	5	4	5	5	5	3
Dalton	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
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AUDIBILITY	4.0							
EYE CONTACT	5.0							
EXP. CHARGES	4.8							
CASE DETAILS	4.3							
LISTENING	5.0							
PROCEEDINGS	4.7							
VOICE	4.8							
TIME MGT	4.0							
COMMENTS:	<p>PER JUDGE, COURT STATED 45 MINUTES LATE DUE TO TRAFFIC LIGHT PROBLEM.</p> <p>SHARED INFORMATION ABOUT PARENTING.</p> <p>JUDGE EXPLAINED COURT PROCESS IN DETAIL.</p> <p>JUDGE JOKED WITH ATTORNEYS ABOUT CLOTHING STYLES, AND SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS.</p> <p>FOUR NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENTS THAT TOOK LENGTHY TIME TO PREPARE DOCUMENTS.</p> <p>THIS OBSERVER HAS NOTICED THAT JUDGE IS OFTEN LATE.</p> <p>THIS OBSERVER IS FLUENT IN SPANISH BUT HAS DIFFICULTY IN UNDERSTANDING INTERPRETERS.</p> <p>33 CASES, 10 NO SHOWS, 10 DISMISSES, APPROVED 13 OP'S.</p> <p>COULD NOT HEAR MUCH OF PROCEEDINGS, ATTORNEYS SPOKE SOFTLY.</p>							

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VOILAND	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	
VOILAND	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
VOILAND	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
VOILAND	2	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
VOILAND	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
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VOILAND	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
VOILAND	2	5	5	5	5	5	5	4
VOILAND	2	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
VOILAND	1	5					1	5
VOILAND	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
VOILAND	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
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VOILAND	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	4
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VOILAND	3	4	5	5	4	5	5	5
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AUDIBILITY	3.5
EYE CONTACT	4.8
EXPLAIN CHARGES	4.6
CASE DETAILS	4.7
LISTENING SKILLS	4.8
PROCEEDINGS	4.8
VOICE TONE	4.6
TIME MGT.	4.9



COMMENTS:

JUDGE IS VERY DIFFICULT TO HEAR. VERY KIND AND SEEMS TO EXPLAIN EVERYTHING.

JUDGE AGAIN OFFERED CLOSE UP SEATING FOR THE OBSERVER, BUT THIS DOES NOT HELP VICTIMS HEAR.

DB CASE WAS CONTINUED , AS WELL AS, ALL OTHER CASES ON DOCKET.

NEED A MICROPHONE ON JUDGE'S LEFT TO MAINTAIN AUDIBILITY WHEN HE SPEAKS TO DEFENDANTS.

PRIVATE DEFENSE ATTORNEY REQUESTED USE OF MICROPHONES AT TABLES. MUCH BETTER AUDIBILITY.

SHOULD USE TABLE MICROPHONES FOR ALL CASES. PROCEEDINGS CAN BE HEARD IN GALLERY.

JUDGE TALKS IN WISPERED TONES. USE OF TABLES WOULD REDUCE ALL OF THE TALKING IN FRONT OF THE RAIL.

ATTORNEYS NEED TO BE TOLD TO CONFER WITH THEIR CLIENTS OUTSIDE THE COURTROOM NOT IN GALLERY.

WON'T MAKE USE OF MICROPHONES DURING PROCEEDINGS AT BENCH, BUT SPEAKS UP DURING BOND CALL.

HEARD SOMEONE IN GALLERY SAY THAT THEY COULD NOT HEAR.

AUDIBILITY GOOD ONLY DURING BOND CALL AND WHEN TABLES ARE USED.

6-8 ATTORNEYS STANDING AND TALKING AT TABLES DURING PROCEEDINGS AT BENCH.

CAN NOT HEAR WELL ENOUGH TO SCORE JUDGE IN SEVERAL AREAS.

DURING PLEA AGREEMENTS MOVES DEFENDANT CLOSER TO COURT REPORTER AND TALKS VERY SOFTLY.

USED TABLES AND WITNESS STAND. JUDGE HANDLED OBJECTIONS AND GAVE GOOD EXPLANATIONS.

HIGHER SCORES DUE TO USE OF TABLES AND WITNESS STAND. COULD HEAR EVERY WORD.

SCORES ALL 5'S TODAY. EVERYONE SPOKE LOUDER AT BENCH.

DURING BOND CALL SET BOND AT STATE REQUEST BUT RELEASED ON RECOG. DEFENDANT HAS TWO DB PRIORS.

AUDIBILITY ALWAYS GOOD DURNING BOND CALL AND WHEN TABLES AND SOUND SYSTEM ARE USED.

13 ATTORNEYS IN FRONT OF RAIL DURING BOND CALL. MENTIONED NOISE LEVEL TO ASA .