

FOX VALLEY COURT WATCH

QUARTERLY REPORT



FOURTH QUARTER REPORT
OCTOBER 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 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. At times these updates are not timely. 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:

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.

As another year ends; we are still waiting for Kane County's GPS program to get back in full swing, and for a real education program for judges on domestic violence. We hope these situations can be resolved very soon for the sake of the victims of domestic violence. They are the ones who suffer. They are the ones you are committed to protect. We cannot afford to have another Cindy Bischof incident.

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

QUARTERLY RESULTS:

During fourth quarter of 2018 a total of 91 observations were reported. (Kane County: 31 reports; Kendall County: 60 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:

- 18 - cases were continued.
- 2 - cases were dismissed.
- 5 - cases resulted in a guilty verdict.
- 0 - cases resulted in a guilty plea.
- 2 - cases resulted in a not guilty verdict.
- 1 - OP request was granted.
- 3 - OP requests were denied.

Kendall County:

- 41 - cases were continued.
- 3 - cases were dismissed.
- 4 - cases resulted in a guilty verdict.
- 1 - case resulted in plea to common battery.
- 3- cases resulted in a not guilty verdict.
- 0 - sentencing hearings were observed.
- 7 - DB bond call cases were observed.
- 1 - order of protection was vacated.

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.

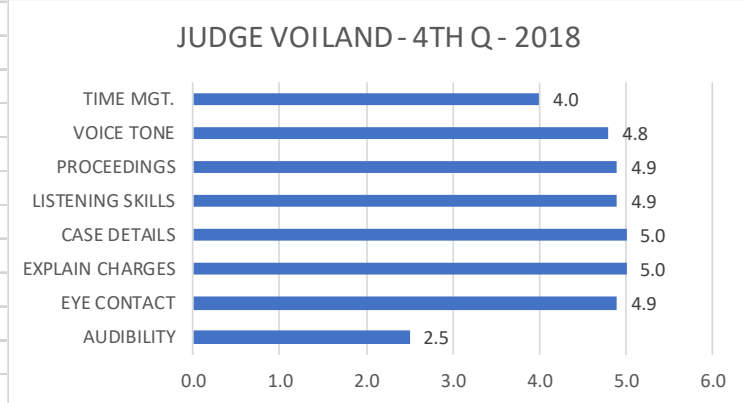
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Comments:																										
Judge has complete control of courtroom. Explains her decisions to all parties.																										
Explanation of charges done by ASA. Very respectful of everyone.																										
Judge had several BTs on docket, moved one trial to another courtroom.																										
Five trials on docket, Judge moved two to another room.																										
Defense attorney asked witness and ASA Sadler to speak up.																										
Could be more eye contact from Judge.																										
There are moments when judge and attorneys cannot recall what was said.																										
46 cases on docket, 20 were continued. Several cases called not on docket.																										
Several trials were scheduled. One dismissed, one transferred. Difficult to keep up.																										
Bailiff advised of trial in another room to went to observe that trial.																										
On unscheduled case judge took time to become familiar with it.																										
Easy to hear judge speak, but difficult to hear the attorneys.																										

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COMMENTS:																										
Seems like judge could use more common language to explain proceedings.																										
Judge was excellent. Gave good explanations to everyone.																										
His rulings showed great wisdom and insight.																										
Showed good pateince on some cases.																										
Judge had good sense of humor and was very reasonable.																										
Judge raised his voice when litigants did not follow his instructions about talking.																										

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AUDIBILITY	2.5
EYE CONTACT	4.9
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VOICE TONE	4.8
TIME MGT.	4.0



COMMENTS:

Judge does not make use of microphones.

Audibility good during bond call, but poor during DB cases held at bench.

Observer was unable to hear judge most of the time.

Could hear better due to fewer people in courtroom.

Judge's voice volume extremely soft.

Hard to hear judge after bond call.

Better audibility, fewer people in front of rail.

Mostly bond call today, could hear judge.

Could not hear judge, but could hear both attorneys.

Could not hear well enough to score most categories.

Very hard to hear judge.

Judge gave thorough explanation of sentencing penalties.

Person in gallery was overheard say that he could not hear.

Crying baby allowed to sit in gallery.

Female attorneys spoke louder than male attorneys.

Attorneys and litigants talking in benches. Very hard to hear.