

FOX VALLEY COURT WATCH
QUARTERLY REPORT



Eye on the Domestic Violence Courts

FOURTH QUARTER REPORT
OCTOBER 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2017

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Fox Valley Court Watch is very concerned about some happenings that we feel are endangering the safety of victims of domestic violence:

- The GPS Monitoring being reduced/eliminated. Abusers who are a risk to the safety of their victims will either be in jail, costly, or wandering the streets with a warning by a judge to “Be good and don’t hurt anyone”. This is a travesty! The Kane County Board and Kane County Court System need to reinstitute that program immediately.
- The inability to identify and follow domestic violence cases in the Kane County court system. Without designated DV courts, with the exception of Room 209, and the problems with the Circuit Clerks new computer program, Court Watch is having trouble assigning watchers to the proper courts.
- The Court Watch Board met with Chief Judge Clancy-Boles, shortly after her taking office, she assured us the DV training for all judges would be conducted. To date that has not happened.
- The recent loss of a federal grant that helped fund the Victim’s Rights Unit in the Kane County state’s attorney’s office is very disappointing. We strongly encourage the Kane County Board and state’s attorney’s office to provide the additional funding needed to reinstate this Unit, that provides multiple services to victims of crimes that protect their rights.

We strongly urge that these items be addressed and corrected by the appropriate parties.

We receive a monthly update of domestic trials from the Kendall County states attorney’s office. Providing monthly updates seems to be difficult to maintain, although a recent state’s attorney staff replacement may help. Continuation dates are reported by observers, so these cases can be tracked and observed when possible.

The fourth quarter of 2017 produced a total of 66 observations (Kane County:39 reports; Kendall County:27 reports). Observation outcomes breakdown as follows:

Kane County:

- 19 - cases were continued.
- 0 - cases were dismissed.
- 6 - cases resulted in a guilty verdict.
- 0 - cases resulted in a not guilty verdict.
- 8 - OP requests were granted.
- 4 - OP requests were denied.
- 2 - OP requests were vacated by agreement.

Kendall County:

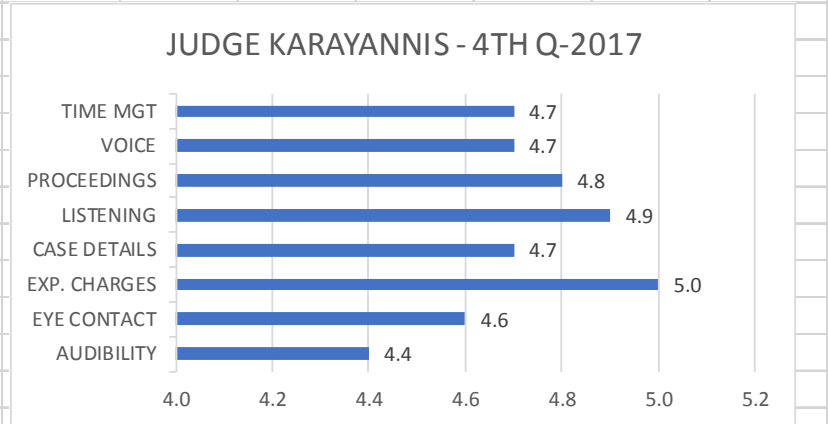
- 9 - cases were continued mostly due to the victim or witness did not appear.
- 6 - cases were dismissed due to victim or witness continuing to not appear.
- 4 - cases resulted in a guilty verdict.
- 7 - cases resulted in a not guilty verdict
- 1 - OP request was granted.

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 of the cases observed in Kane and Kendall Counties.

4TH - Q - 2017	AUDIBILITY	EYE CONTACT	EXPLAIN CHARGES	CASE DETAILS	LISTENING SKILLS	COURT PROCEEDINGS	VOICE TONE	TIME MANAGEMENT
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AVERAGE	4.4	4.6	5.0	4.7	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.7

AUDIBILITY	4.4
EYE CONTACT	4.6
EXP. CHARGES	5.0
CASE DETAILS	4.7
LISTENING	4.9
PROCEEDINGS	4.8
VOICE	4.7
TIME MGT	4.7



COMMENTS:

Judge very good at her job even though courtroom is busy and distracting.

Four cases on docket, four no shows, four cases continued.

Three cases on docket, two were continued due to no shows.

Nineteen cases, one no show, fifteen continued.

Eleven cases, one no show, six were continued.

Forty two cases, twenty seven heard, one no show, two guilty, twenty four continued.

Judge was audible, attorneys were not. Attorneys did not seem to have reviewed cases.

Considerable time wasted. Attorneys not prepared. Judge became annoyed.

Judge is always working, even when no one is before her. Reading files.

Judge returned to chambers to re-listen to 911 call tape.

Twenty cases on docket, zero dismissed.

Defendant was gay man. Judges tone and lack of eye contact contrasted with other cases.

Usually respectful, but seemed condescending to two individuals with limited incomes.

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22 cases on docket, 8 OP hearings, 6 approved, 2 dismissed due to no-shows.																										
Strong and fast processing by judge.																										
No docket was posted and case numbers were not used when calling cases.																										
Judge asked if I had any questions. He and clerk talked about new system not working.																										
Judge said he was meeting with clerk's office to discuss system problems.																										
Attorneys were difficult to hear.																										

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DB charge quietly dismissed. Nolle Pros filed. Traffic charges continued.																										
Judge was very quiet today, hard to hear.																										
Had to strain to hear. 2 cases, 2 no witness no shows. 1 case continued.																										
Difficult to hear Judge and attorneys. Need to turn up sound system like rm113.																										
Audibility was pretty good today, I was able to hear most of what the Judge said.																										

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