

**ST. LOUIS END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN NETWORK- COURT WATCH PROJECT**  
**ST. LOUIS CITY/COUNTY CIVIL COURTS**

**CASE OBSERVATION (REV. 2019)**

Monitor #: \_\_\_\_\_ Court Division #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] Full Hearing [ ] Default (Respondent did not appear)

1. **Use one form for each case. Please leave no blanks.**
2. Please check YES or NO, I/A for Inaudible, N/A for not applicable, UNK for unknown.
3. If explanation is needed, please make note in the lines below item number. Write direct quotes as often as possible and indicate with quotation marks. **Write down positive assessments as well.**

Item	YES	NO	I/A	N/A	UNK
<b>LITIGANT SUPPORT</b>					
1. Was the Petitioner represented by an attorney?					
2. Was the Respondent represented by an attorney?					
3. If Petitioner needed a language interpreter was one available? (mark n/a if one was not needed)					
4. If Respondent needed a language interpreter was one available? (mark n/a if one was not needed)					
5. Was Batterers Intervention Program or Substance Abuse treatment discussed?					
<b>JUDICIAL MANNER</b>					
6. Did the judge treat the Petitioner with respect? (e.g., eye contact, attentiveness, tone of voice)					
7. Did it appear that the Petitioner was given a chance to provide testimony and be heard?					
8. Did the judge treat the Respondent with respect? (e.g., eye contact, tone of voice, attentiveness)					
9. Did it appear that the Respondent was given a chance to provide testimony and be heard?					
10. Was a Full Order of Protection granted? If not enough evidence to support the elements of the adult abuse statute, please circle - <b>insufficient evidence</b> . If you heard testimony of abuse/stalking, please note remarks heard.					
11. Did the judge explain the ruling and elements of the order in plain language to the Petitioner and/or Respondent?					
12. Was there a discussion about firearms or firearm retrieval?					
13. Were consequences of breaking the order explained to the Respondent?					

	YES	NO	I/A	N/A	UNK
<b>COURTROOM SAFETY (full hearings only)</b>					
14. Was precaution taken to ensure the separation of this Petitioner and Respondent <b>before</b> the proceedings? (were they sitting on opposite sides of room when they stood up to approach bench)					
15. Did the bailiff stand near the parties <b>during</b> testimony (City)? Or were the parties seated at tables (County)?					
16. Was precaution taken to ensure the separation of Petitioner and Respondent immediately <b>after</b> testimony as they waited for paperwork?					
17. Was the Respondent held in the courtroom to allow the Petitioner time to safely leave the courtroom?					
18. Overall, was the Bailiff attentive during this hearing? (Circle one) 1) – not at all 2) – somewhat 3) – mostly 4)– very	1	2	3	4	
19. In your opinion, did the proceedings seem controlled, efficient and serious in nature? (Circle one) 1) – not at all 2) – somewhat 3) – mostly 4)– very	1	2	3	4	

Additional Notes (quotes from testimony or observations are helpful):