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Court Watcher and Child Protective Service Evaluation Form

Court information (please fill out one form for each case)

Date of trial or hearing: ___/___/___

Case Number: _____ (usually available on courtroom door on posted docket but badly needed for later reference)

Case Name: _____ v. _____

Trial or hearing held by Magistrate/Judge/Commissioner/Special Master (circle only one):

Their name: _____ Sex: Male Female

Location of courthouse: _____ Room/Dept.: _____

County: _____ State: _____

Circle all the issues that apply to this case:

Divorce	Spousal support	Visitation
Child Custody	Protection Order	Domestic Violence
Child abuse and/or child protection services	Sexual assault or related	Attorney's Fees

Other (please specify): _____

Case information

1. Were you denied admittance into the courtroom or asked to leave?

Yes ___ No ___

If Yes, what was the given justification, if any?

2. Were all parties and their attorneys (if applicable) present in court?

Yes ___ No ___

2a. If no, who was not present (check all who were absent)?

Defendant/Petitioner's attorney _____	Defendant/Petitioner _____	Sex Male Female
Prosecution/Respondent's attorney _____	Accuser/Respondent _____	Sex Male Female
Guardian Ad Litem _____	C.P.S worker _____ Other _____	

What reasons were given for any parties to not be present?

2b. Was the hearing or trial delayed or continued?

Yes ___ No ___

Was the right to a speedy trial an issue if delayed or continued?

Yes ___ No ___

If Yes to 2b what reason was given for the delay or continuance?

3. Did either party attempt to speak to the Magistrate/Judge/Commissioner/Special Master and was denied?

Yes ___ No ___

3a. If yes, which side was refused?

Defendant/Petitioner's attorney _____	Defendant/Petitioner _____	Sex Male Female
Prosecution/Respondent's attorney _____	Accuser/Respondent _____	Sex Male Female

If Yes to either, what was the given justification, if any?

4. Did either party offer evidence that the Magistrate/Judge/Commissioner/Special Master refused to admit?

Yes _____ No _____ Did not offer evidence _____

4a. If yes, who was denied?

Defendant/Petitioner's attorney _____

Defendant/Petitioner _____

Sex Male Female

Prosecution/Respondent's attorney _____

Accuser/Respondent _____

Sex Male Female

If Yes to either, what was the given justification, if any?

5. Were there any meetings in the magistrate's/judge's/commissioner/special master's chambers off the record?

Yes _____ No _____

If Yes to 5, what was the given justification, if any?

5a. If yes to 5, were ALL parties and their attorneys invited into that meeting?

Yes _____ No _____ N/A _____

5b. If no to 5a, who was not invited into the chambers (check all that apply)?

Defendant/Petitioner's attorney _____

Defendant/Petitioner _____

Sex Male Female

Prosecution/Respondent's attorney _____

Accuser/Respondent _____

Sex Male Female

Guardian Ad Litem _____

C.P.S worker _____ Other _____

If No to 5a, what was the given justification, if any?

6. Did either party attempt to introduce testimony from a witness or other evidence and was refused?

Yes _____ No _____ Did not attempt _____

6a. If yes, which side was refused?

Defendant/Petitioner's attorney _____

Defendant/Petitioner _____

Sex Male Female

Prosecution/Respondent's attorney _____

Accuser/Respondent _____

Sex Male Female

If Yes to 6a, what was the given justification, if any?

What evidence or testimony was refused?

7. Was either party denied the opportunity to cross-examine a witness?

Yes _____ No _____ Did not attempt _____

7a. If yes, which side was denied?

Defendant/Petitioner's attorney _____

Defendant/Petitioner _____

Sex Male Female

Prosecution/Respondent's attorney _____

Accuser/Respondent _____

Sex Male Female

If Yes to 7a, what was the given justification, if any?

8. Did the magistrate/judge/commissioner/special master appear to show favoritism or undue familiarity with or toward any of the parties?

Yes _____ No _____

8a. If yes, toward which party (check all that apply)?

Defendant/Petitioner's attorney _____

Defendant/Petitioner _____

Sex Male Female

Prosecution/Respondent's attorney _____

Accuser/Respondent _____

Sex Male Female

Guardian Ad Litem _____

C.P.S worker _____ Other _____

In what ways was favoritism or undue familiarity, e.g. use of first names, golf partners, meeting for lunch, etc., shown?

