

Judge Presiding _____ Observer Name _____ Courtroom Number _____

Court Call Form

Time Watched (to) on (/ /2011)

Entrance into the Courthouse:

1. Please describe how you and/or others were treated upon entrance into the court (Mark once per day). Please include details of the environment of the court (the ease of parking, passing security, the length of lines, interaction with courtroom personnel.)

Time of the hearings:

2. Were you in the courtroom when the day's hearings began? If so, what time was the first hearing? _____

3. Were you in the courtroom when the day's hearings ended? If so, what time did the hearing end? _____

Atmosphere and facilities:

4. Please describe the atmosphere in the gallery (general feeling/impressions of whether people understood what was happening, etc.). In addition, how was the public treated by courtroom personnel?

5. How would you describe the courtroom facilities (Cleanliness, security and accessibility of the gallery, acoustics.)

Poor

Acceptable

Good

Please explain. _____

Ease/difficulty of the hearings:

6. In general, did you have trouble hearing the parties?

Often

Sometimes

Never

Please specify any person you had difficulty hearing (e.g. judge, defendant) and the specific problem.

7. Was the judge interrupted/distracted by activities in the courtroom while the hearing was in progress?

Often

Sometimes

Never

If so, what were the distractions?

8. Did the judge stop the court record during the proceedings?

Yes

No

If yes, why?

Defendants:

9. Did you witness any 402 conferences (pleas)? If so, did the defendant have any outward signs of confusion and frustration with their plea? If yes, please explain.

10. Were the 402 conferences held in the courtroom or did they occur in the judge's chamber?

11. If a defendant requested/required an interpreter, was one present at their hearing? Yes No

Please explain. _____

12. Were the defendants visibly confused by courtroom procedures? Yes No
If yes, please explain.

13. Were the defendants able to ask questions to their attorney? Yes No
If no, please explain.

Professionalism:

15. In general, please rate the professional behavior of the listed courtroom officials. Professional behavior includes: appropriate attire/ neat appearance, use of appropriate language, attentiveness, control of emotions, preparedness, etc.

a. <u>Judge</u>	Poor 1	Inadequate 2	Acceptable 3	Good 4	Excellent 5
b. <u>Prosecutors</u>	Poor 1	Inadequate 2	Acceptable 3	Good 4	Excellent 5
c. <u>Public Defenders</u>	Poor 1	Inadequate 2	Acceptable 3	Good 4	Excellent 5
d. <u>Private Defense Attorneys</u>	Poor 1	Inadequate 2	Acceptable 3	Good 4	Excellent 5
e. <u>Sheriffs</u>	Poor 1	Inadequate 2	Acceptable 3	Good 4	Excellent 5

16. If you rated poor or inadequate for any of the above please explain.

17. If police officers were present in court, please describe their professional demeanor. Also, where were they seated?

18. Did sheriffs assist and/or hinder defense attorneys' abilities to go in and out of lock-up? (Please skip if you did not observe this).
Yes No
If yes, please explain.

19. Were you required to account for your presence in the courtroom? Yes No
If yes, please describe the circumstances surrounding your situation and please identify the courtroom personnel who questioned you.

20. Are there any other impressions on the courtroom proceedings that you would like to note?
