



### THE FUND FOR MODERN COURTS CASE MONITORING FORM

Please indicate which proceedings were included in the case observed (there is often more than one type of proceedings)

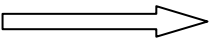
- Termination of Parental Rights
- Juvenile Delinquency
- Support
- Foster Care Review
- Neglect and Abuse
- Family Offense
- Persons in Need of Supervision
- Custody and Visitation
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate (as best as possible) who appeared before the court on the proceedings

- Petitioner
- Respondent(s)     Children     Family members
- Attorney for Petitioner     Attorney for Respondent(s)
- Law Guardian(s) (Lawyer for Children)
- Advocate for Domestic Violence Victim
- Government Officials
  - County Attorney     Attorney for Department of Social Services
  - Department of Social Services     Child Protective Services
  - Probation     Foster care
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Overall Courtroom Management/Professionalism	Notes	
	Yes	No
1. Judge waited for the parties and their attorneys to be seated before he/she began the case.	Yes	No
2. Judge had each party and their attorney(s), if any, provide their names and relationship to the case.	Yes	No
3. Judge began the proceedings by clearly reviewing a brief history of the case.	Yes	No
4. Judge began the proceedings by clearly presenting the specific issues before him/her on that day.	Yes	No
5. Judge fully explained the proceedings in an understandable manner.	Yes	No
6. Judge clearly read/expained the charges to the parties.	Yes	No
7. Judge spoke in "plain English" i.e. made the proceedings easy to follow while being thorough.	Yes	No
8. Judge informed parties of their right to an attorney and how to obtain assistance (limited cases).	Yes	No
9. Judge gave each party an opportunity to speak.	Yes	No
10. Judge asked each party if they had any questions.	Yes	No
11. Judge answered the questions presented by parties and/or attorney.	Yes	No

<b>Overall Courtroom Management/Professionalism (continued)</b>			
12. Judge went over the settlement or order carefully with the parties.	Yes	No	
13. Case was adjourned.	Yes	No	
14. Court personnel were helpful and courteous.	Yes	No	
15. Court officer was present in the courtroom.	Yes	No	
<b>Children: Juvenile Delinquency/PINS</b>			
16. Children were represented by an attorney.	Yes	No	
17. Children were clearly explained their rights by the judge.	Yes	No	
18. Children were given an opportunity to ask questions.	Yes	No	
<b>Children: Custody/Visitation/Abuse and Neglect</b>			
19. Children were in the courtroom.	Yes	No	
20. Supervised visitation was ordered (or continued).	Yes	No	
21. Judge ordered/allowed visits in a public place because supervisor was not available.	Yes	No	
22. Judge asked children questions in open court	Yes	No	
<b>Domestic Violence (Family Offenses)</b>			
Please Note: "Petitioner" is the victim of domestic violence – "Respondent" is the alleged batterer. Sometimes <u>only</u> the victim is in the court – this is usually the case when the matter is on for the first time on an <i>ex parte</i> order of protection. A domestic violence matter (O) can also be part of other proceedings.			
23. Judge seemed to treat the parties equally.	Yes	No	
24. Judge tried to persuade/convince parties to settle the domestic violence case.	Yes	No	
25. If an order of protection was issued, judge gave clear directions to the respondent (if present in the court room).	Yes	No	
26. Judge carefully read the terms of the order of protection to the victim (petitioner), i.e. judge went over each part of the order.	Yes	No	
27. Judge clearly explained the expiration date of the order of protection.	Yes	No	
28. Judge clearly explained the need to serve an order of protection on the person subject to the order (respondent). (New <i>ex parte</i> order)	Yes	No	
29. Judge informed victim of domestic violence (petitioner) of the steps she must take if the order of protection is violated. (i.e. call police)	Yes	No	
30. Judge issued Orders of Protection to both parties.	Yes	No	
31. Judge took the issue of domestic violence seriously into account when determining all the proceedings before him/her.	Yes	No	
32. Judge informed victim about resources for assistance with domestic violence.	Yes	No	



**PLEASE FILL IN:**  
**Name of Monitor**  
**Date Observed**

**Court**  
**Form No.**

<b>Domestic Violence (Family Offenses)</b>		<b>Discussed</b>	<b>Ordered</b>
Please check box that applies, if any			
33. Mediation.			
34. Family or Marital Counseling.			
35. Substance Abuse Treatment			
36. Mental Health Treatment.			
37. Counseling or treatment of the victim.			
<b>ATTORNEYS AND LAW GUARDIANS (LAWYER FOR CHILDREN)</b>		<b>Comment</b>	
38. Please comment on any particular issues/concerns/questions you may have had with the representation of any party in the case. Please indicate, as best as possible, without listing any names, which representative you are discussing:  <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>			
<b>GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS AND REPRESENTATIVES</b>		<b>Comment</b>	
39. Please comment on any particular issues/concerns/questions you may have had with government worker or representative (attorney). Please indicate, as best as possible, without listing any names, which agency you are discussing:  <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>			
<b>GENERAL COMMENTS</b>		<b>Comment</b>	
40. Please Comment on any aspect of the case, court room activity, case management, this is an open space for your comments:  <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>			
Please continue with your comments on the next page:			

