



Commonwealth of Virginia

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November 23, 2004

The Honorable Frederick H. Combs
Chief Judge
County of Russell General District Court
P. O. Box 65
Lebanon, VA 24266

The Honorable Kerry R. Williams
Magistrate Supervising Authority
Twenty ninth Judicial District
P.O. Box 292
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As part of our audit of the Virginia District Court System, we have audited the cash receipts and disbursements of the County of Russell General District Court and the associated magistrates from the Twenty ninth Judicial District for the period January 1, 2003 through September 30, 2004.

Our primary objectives were to test the accuracy of financial transactions recorded on the Court's financial management system and in the Magistrates' records; evaluate the Court's and the Magistrates' internal controls; and test compliance with significant state laws, regulations, and policies. However, our audit was more limited than would be necessary to provide assurance on the internal controls or on overall compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies.

The results of our tests found the Court and the Magistrates properly stated, in all material respects, the amounts recorded and reported in the financial management system and in the Magistrates' records; no material weaknesses in internal controls; and no instances of noncompliance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies.

We discussed these comments with the Clerk on November 23, 2004 and we acknowledge the cooperation extended to us by the Court and the Magistrates during this engagement.

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cc: The Honorable John Farmer, Judge
Kathy Vance, Clerk
Paul Delosh, Director of Technical Assistance
Supreme Court of Virginia