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The Honorable Richard J. McCue
Chief Judge
County of Arlington General District Court
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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 Arlington General District Court and the associated magistrates from the Seventeenth Judicial District for the period April 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 and the Chief Magistrate on December 7, 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 Karen A. Henenberg, Judge
The Honorable Dorothy Clarke, Judge
The Honorable Thomas Kelley, Judge
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