



# Commonwealth of Virginia

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The Honorable Phillip T. DiStanislao  
Chief Judge  
City of Petersburg Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court

Audit Period: July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023  
Court System: City of Petersburg  
Judicial District: Eleventh

We are performing a statewide audit of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts. During our review of this court, we conducted certain audit procedures, as we deemed appropriate.

Management of this court is an important part of the court's accountability since you are responsible for establishing and maintaining internal controls and complying with applicable laws and regulations. During our review, we noted the following matter requiring management's attention and corrective action.

## **Promptly Deposit Collections**

**Repeat:** No

The Clerk did not promptly deposit court collections for 8 of 48 days tested (17%) during the audit period, with delays between one and three days. Delaying bank deposits increases the risk of loss of funds and has the potential to delay the remittance of state and local funds. The Clerk should make bank deposits daily as required by the Financial Accounting System User's Guide.

We acknowledge the cooperation extended to us by the Clerk and her staff during this engagement.

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cc: The Honorable Cheryl J. Wilson, Judge  
Laura B. Craig, Clerk  
Paul F. DeLosh, Director of Judicial Services  
Supreme Court of Virginia