



Commonwealth of Virginia

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The Honorable Bryant L. Sugg
Chief Judge
City of Newport News General District Court
2500 Washington Avenue, 2nd Floor
Newport News, VA 23607

Audit Period: July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009
Court System: City of Newport News - Criminal Division
Judicial District: Seventh

We are performing a statewide audit of the General 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 no matters requiring written communication with court management.

During the audit period, the Supreme Court of Virginia had no formal guidance regarding approval of Clerk's leave submitted to the electronic leave reporting system. The Supreme Court of Virginia has since issued interim guidance regarding the implementation of internal controls over this process, and this court promptly implemented those controls.

We acknowledge the cooperation extended to us by the Court during this engagement.

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cc: The Honorable Richard C. Kerns, Judge
The Honorable Alfred O. Masters Jr, Judge
The Honorable Gary A. Mills, Judge
Faye L. Rogers, Clerk
Paul F. DeLosh, Director of Judicial Services
Supreme Court of Virginia