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The Honorable Avelina S. Jacob Chief Judge County of Loudoun Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court 18 East Market Street Leesburg, VA 20176

Audit Period: July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013

Court System: County of Loudoun

Judicial District: Twentieth

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 certain matters that required management's attention and corrective action. These matters included:

Request Tax Set-off Refunds

The Clerk did not submit claims to the Virginia Department of Taxation (TAX) for tax set-off refunds totaling \$393 for delinquent court costs and fines, resulting in a loss of revenue to the Commonwealth and locality. A court must submit claims for set-off of tax refunds through TAX's automated accounting system, the Integrated Revenue Management System. The Clerk should use the tax refund set off process to maximize collections as required by the <u>Code of Virginia</u>.

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

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cc: The Honorable Pamela Brooks, Judge
Evamari Bates, Clerk
Paul F. DeLosh, Director of Judicial Services
Supreme Court of Virginia