

Commonwealth of Virginia

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August 8, 2012

The Honorable Richard L. Francis Clerk of the Circuit Court County of Southampton

Dallas O. Jones, Chairman Board of Supervisors County of Southampton

Audit Period: April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012

Court System: County of Southampton

We have audited the cash receipts and disbursements of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for this locality. Our primary objectives were to test the accuracy of financial transactions recorded on the Court's financial management system; evaluate the Court's internal controls; and test its compliance with significant state laws, regulations, and policies.

Management's Responsibility

Court management has responsibility for establishing and maintaining internal controls and complying with applicable laws and regulations. Internal control is a process designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting, effectiveness and efficiency of operations, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Deficiencies in internal controls could possibly lead to the loss of revenues or assets, or otherwise compromise fiscal accountability.

We noted no matters involving internal control and its operation necessary to bring to management's attention.

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

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cc: The Honorable Rodham T. Delk, Chief Judge Michael W. Johnson, County Administrator Paul F. DeLosh, Director of Judicial Services Supreme Court of Virginia Director, Admin and Public Records Department of Accounts