



Commonwealth of Virginia

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The Honorable Peter L. Tribble
Chief Judge
County of Essex General District Court
P.O. Box 176
Hanover, VA 23069-0176

The Honorable J. Maston Davis
Chief Judge
County of Essex Juvenile and
Domestic Relations District Court
P.O. Box 66
Tappahannock, VA 22560

As part of our audit of the Virginia District Court System, we have audited the cash receipts and disbursements of the County of Essex District Court for the period July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005.

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. 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 properly stated, in all material respects, the amounts recorded and reported in the financial management system; no material weaknesses in the internal controls; and no instances of noncompliance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies.

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

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cc: The Honorable, Gordon A. Wilkins, Judge
Dee B. Davis, Clerk
Paul Delosh, Director of Technical Assistance
Supreme Court of Virginia