



Commonwealth of Virginia

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The Honorable Joi Taylor
Chief Judge
City of Richmond –
Criminal Division General District Court
501 North Ninth St.
Richmond, VA 23219

The Honorable Walter Stout, III
Magistrate Supervising Authority
13th Judicial District Judicial District
400 North 9th Street
Richmond, VA 23219

As part of our audit of the Virginia District Court System, we have audited the cash receipts and disbursements of the City of Richmond - Criminal Division General District Court and the associated magistrates from the 13th Judicial District Judicial District for the period October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2007.

Our primary objectives were to test the accuracy of financial transactions recorded on the Court's financial management system and in the Magistrates' records; evaluate the Court's and the Magistrates' internal controls; and test 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 and the Magistrates properly stated, in all material respects, the amounts recorded and reported in the financial management system and in the Magistrates' records; no material weaknesses in internal controls; and no instances of noncompliance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies.

We discussed these comments with the Clerk and the Chief Magistrate and we acknowledge the cooperation extended to us by the Court and the Magistrates during this engagement.

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cc: The Honorable Phillip L. Hairston, Judge
The Honorable D. Eugene Cheek, Judge
Richard H. Bowling, Clerk
Deborah Meade-Jackson, Chief Magistrate
Paul F. DeLosh, Director of Judicial Services
Supreme Court of Virginia