



Commonwealth of Virginia

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The Honorable J. Larry Palmer
Chief Judge
City of Hopewell General District Court
100 East Broadway
Hopewell, VA 23860

The Honorable Carson Saunders
Chief Judge
City of Hopewell Juvenile and
Domestic Relations District Court
315 South Main Street
Emporia, VA 23847

The Honorable J. Larry Palmer
Magistrate Supervising Authority
Sixth Judicial District
100 East Broadway
Hopewell, VA 23860

As part of our audit of the Virginia District Court System, we have audited the cash receipts and disbursements of the City of Hopewell District Court and the associated magistrates from the Sixth Judicial District for the period April 1, 2006 through June 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 the internal controls; and no instances of noncompliance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies.

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

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cc: The Honorable Kenneth Nye, Judge
 The Honorable Jacqueline Waymack, Judge
 Edith P. Winters, Clerk
 David Harless, Chief Magistrate
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