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The Honorable Wenda K. Travers Chief Judge County of Prince William General District Court 9311 Lee Ave Manassas, VA 20110 The Honorable Wenda K. Travers Magistrate Supervising Authority Thirty-First Judicial District 9311 Lee Ave. Manassas, VA 20110

Audit Period: Court System: Judicial District: October 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007 County of Prince William Thirty-First

We have audited the cash receipts and disbursements of the Clerk of the General District Court and the associated magistrates for this locality. Our primary objectives for both the Court and the Magistrates were to test the accuracy of financial transactions recorded on the applicable financial management system; evaluate 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.

Financial Matters

We noted no instances of improper recording and reporting of financial transactions in the Court's financial management system.

Internal Controls

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

Compliance

The results of our tests of compliance with applicable laws and regulations disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported.

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

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