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The Honorable Gino W. Williams
Chief Judge
City of Radford General District Court

The Honorable Monica D. Cox
Chief Judge
City of Radford Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court

Audit Period: July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023
Court System: City of Radford
Judicial District: Twenty-Seventh

We are performing a statewide audit of the Combined District Courts. During our review of this court, we conducted certain audit procedures, as we deemed appropriate.

Management of this court is an important part of the court's accountability since you are responsible for establishing and maintaining internal controls and complying with applicable laws and regulations. During our review, we noted the following matter requiring management's attention and corrective action.

Properly Bill and Collect Court Fines

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The former Clerk and her staff did not properly bill and collect court fines. In three of ten cases tested (30%), the Clerk miscoded in the financial system fines of \$7,500 as Commonwealth instead of local. The current Clerk and her staff should correct the specific cases noted during the audit and establish a system of review to minimize the likelihood of billing errors going undetected. In all cases, the Clerk should bill and collect court fines in accordance with the Code of Virginia.

We acknowledge the cooperation extended to us by the Clerk and her staff during this engagement.

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cc: The Honorable Stephanie Murray Shortt, Judge
The Honorable Erin J. DeHart, Judge
The Honorable H. Lee Chitwood, Judge
Ruby Stump, Clerk
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Supreme Court of Virginia