



Commonwealth of Virginia

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The Honorable Joseph S. Tate
Chief Judge
County of Washington General District Court
109 West Main Street, Room 231
Marion, VA 24354

Audit Period: July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010
Court System: County of Washington
Judicial District: Twenty-eighth

We are performing a statewide audit of the General 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 certain matters that required management's attention and corrective action. These matters included:

Promptly Delete Access

The Clerk did not delete for one year a former employee's access to the court's automated information system. Having an unauthorized individual with access to the court's automated information system could compromise the integrity of the system and the data it contains. The Clerk is responsible for granting, changing, and terminating access to the court's automated information system as required by the District Financial Management System User's Guide. The Clerk should promptly delete an employee's access to the automated system when an employee resigns.

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

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cc: The Honorable Sage B. Johnson, Judge
Edna S. Griffin, Clerk
Paul F. DeLosh, Director of Judicial Services
Supreme Court of Virginia