

## Commonwealth of Virginia

## Auditor of Public Accounts

P.O. Box 1295 Richmond, Virginia 23218

November 19, 2024

The Honorable Cathy Cosby Clerk of the Circuit Court County of Halifax

Dennis G. Witt, Board Chair County of Halifax

Audit Period: April 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024

Court System: County of Halifax

We have audited the cash receipts and disbursements of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for this locality for the period noted above. Our primary objectives were to test the accuracy of financial transactions recorded on the Court's financial management system; evaluate the Court's 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 lead to noncompliance with laws and regulations, the loss of assets or revenues, or otherwise compromise the Clerk's fiscal accountability.

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

The Clerk has taken corrective action to remediate the finding that we reported in the previous audit.

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

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cc: The Honorable Donald C. Blessing, Chief Judge Scott R. Simpson, County Administrator Paul F. DeLosh, Director of Judicial Services Supreme Court of Virginia