



Commonwealth of Virginia

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January 22, 2004

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

The Honorable Charles Perkinson
Chief Judge
City of Hopewell Juvenile and
Domestic Relations District Court
202 N. Main Street
Lawrenceville, VA 23868-0066

As part of our audit of the Virginia District Court System, we have audited the cash receipts and disbursements of the City of Hopewell Combined District Court for the period October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003.

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. 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 properly stated, in all material respects, the amounts recorded and reported in the financial management system; 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 during this engagement.

AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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cc: The Honorable Kenneth Nye, Judge
The Honorable Jacqueline Waymack, Judge
Edith P. Winters, Clerk
Don Lucido, Director of Technical Assistance
Supreme Court of Virginia