



Commonwealth of Virginia

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The Honorable Donald P. McDonough
Chief Judge
City of Fairfax General District Court
4110 Chain Bridge Road
Fairfax, VA 22030

Audit Period: July 1, 2008 thru June 30, 2009
Court System: City of Fairfax
Judicial District: Nineteenth

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:

During the audit period, the Supreme Court of Virginia had no formal guidance regarding approval of Clerk's leave submitted to the electronic leave reporting system. The Supreme Court of Virginia has since issued interim guidance regarding the implementation of internal controls over this process, and this court promptly implemented those controls.

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

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cc: The Honorable Mark C. Simmons, Judge
The Honorable Ian M. O'Flaherty, Judge
The Honorable Lorraine Nordlund, Judge
Kevin W. Bailey, Clerk
Paul F. DeLosh, Director of Judicial Services
Supreme Court of Virginia