



Commonwealth of Virginia

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The Honorable Barbara S. Davis
Clerk of the Circuit Court
City of Hopewell

City Council
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We have audited the cash receipts and disbursements of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the City of Hopewell for the period October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002.

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 during this engagement.

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