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## Commonwealth of Virginia

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January 16, 2019

The Honorable Jan Roltsch-Anoll Chief Judge County of Prince William Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court 9311 Lee Avenue Manassas, VA 20110

Audit Period: July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

Court System: County of Prince William

Judicial District: Thirty-First

We are performing a statewide audit of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations 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:

#### **Properly Bill and Collect Court Fines and Costs**

Repeat: Yes (first issued in 2018)

The former Clerk did not properly bill and collect court fines and costs. In 55 cases tested, we noted the following errors.

- In eight cases, defendants were not charged fines and costs totaling \$4,590.
- In one case, the defendant was overcharged \$325 in costs.

The current Clerk should correct the specific cases noted above and should establish a system of review to minimize the likelihood of billing errors going undetected. In all cases, the current Clerk should bill and collect court fines and costs in accordance with Code of Virginia.

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

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