



# Commonwealth of Virginia

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The Honorable Michael Katchmark  
Chief Judge  
City of Chesapeake General District Court

Review Period: July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025  
Court System: City of Chesapeake  
Judicial District: First

We have reviewed the financial operations for the General District Court Clerk's office for the City of Chesapeake for the period noted above. Our primary objectives were to test the accuracy of financial transactions recorded on the Court's financial accounting system; evaluate and test the Clerk's internal controls; and test the Clerk's compliance with significant state laws, regulations, and policies related to financial operations.

Annually, we use a risk-based approach to perform either a comprehensive or limited control review for each of the Commonwealth's district courts. A comprehensive review involves procedures designed to review, in detail, areas such as receipts, disbursements, system access security, accounts receivable, and liability management. A limited control review involves the evaluation of the Clerk's responses to an internal control questionnaire; general ledger, system access, and reconciliation review; evaluation of significant variances in collections from the prior year; and some limited procedures related to the assessment of fines and collection of receivables. We perform limited control reviews on courts that we consider to be low risk based on the results of previous reviews and an overall assessment of the individual court environment, with no more than two consecutive limited control reviews in a three-year period. For this locality, we performed a comprehensive review for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Management is responsible 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 information, effectiveness and efficiency of financial 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. It is our responsibility to perform procedures to the extent necessary to satisfy the objectives of this engagement.

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Our procedures did not identify any matters involving internal control and its operation necessary to bring to management's attention.

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

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cc: Glynis Townsend, Clerk  
The Honorable Erin Bedois, Judge  
The Honorable Tanya Lomax, Judge  
The Honorable Derek Wagner, Judge  
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