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June 9, 2015

The Honorable Robert H. Downer, Jr.
Chief Judge
County of Goochland General District Court
501 East Jefferson St. Ste 138
Charlottesville, VA 22902

The Honorable Frank W. Somerville
Chief Judge
County of Goochland Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
135 West Cameron Street
Culpeper, VA 22701

Audit Period: July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014
Court System: County of Goochland
Judicial District: Sixteenth

We are performing a statewide audit of the Combined 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:

Escheat Unclaimed Restitution – Repeat

The Clerk did not escheat unclaimed restitution totaling \$239 as required by Section 55-210.26:1 of the Code of Virginia. We recommend the Clerk remit these funds to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund as required by the Code of Virginia.

Reconcile Bank Account - Repeat

The Clerk did not reconcile her bank account during the audit period. Allowing reconciling items to go unresolved can lead to errors and irregularities going undetected and can increase the risk of loss of funds. Timely and complete reconciliations are an essential internal control.

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We recommend the Clerk perform monthly bank reconciliations upon receiving the bank statements as required by the Financial Management System User's Guide.

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

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cc: The Honorable Edward K. Carpenter, Judge
The Honorable Edward DeJ. Berry, Judge
The Honorable Deborah S. Tinsley, Judge
Dianne H. White, Clerk
Paul F. DeLosh, Director of Judicial Services
Supreme Court of Virginia