



Commonwealth of Virginia

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May 23, 2008

The Honorable James A. Moore
Chief Judge
County of Southampton
General District Court
150 North Main Street
Suffolk, VA 23434

The Honorable Alfreda Talton-Harris
Chief Judge
County of Southampton Juvenile and
Domestic Relations District Court
1100 High Street
Franklin, VA 23851

Audit Period: April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2008
Court System: County of Southampton

We have audited the cash receipts and disbursements of the Clerk of the Combined General District Court for this locality. 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.

Management's Responsibility

Court management has responsibility 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 reporting, effectiveness and efficiency of operations, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Deficiencies in internal controls could possibly lead to the loss of revenues or assets, or otherwise compromise fiscal accountability.

Financial Matters

We noted no instances of improper recording and reporting of financial transactions in the Court's financial management system.

Internal Controls

We noted no matters involving internal control and its operation necessary to bring to management's attention.

Compliance

The results of our tests of compliance with applicable laws and regulations disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported.

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

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