



Commonwealth of Virginia

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The Honorable Gordon F. Willis
Chief Judge
County of Stafford General District Court
P. O. Box 940
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The Honorable John R. Stevens
Magistrate Supervising Authority
Fifteenth Judicial District
P. O. Box 180
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As part of our audit of the Virginia District Court System, we have audited the cash receipts and disbursements of the County of Stafford General District Court and the associated magistrates from the Fifteenth Judicial District for the period April 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005.

Our primary objectives were to test the accuracy of financial transactions recorded on the Court's financial management system and in the Magistrates' records; evaluate the Court's and the Magistrates' internal controls; and test 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 and the Magistrates properly stated, in all material respects, the amounts recorded and reported in the financial management system and in the Magistrates' records; no material weaknesses in internal controls; and no instances of noncompliance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies.

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

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cc: Sheri L. Pearson, Clerk
Phillip R. Hemming, Chief Magistrate
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