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July 26, 2019

The Honorable Sherri M. Hazlewood  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
County of Patrick

Rickie Fulcher, Board Chairman  
County of Patrick

Audit Period: April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019  
Court System: County of Patrick

We have audited the cash receipts and disbursements of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for this locality for the period noted above. 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.

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

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

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cc: The Honorable David V. Williams, Chief Judge  
Thomas Rose, County Administrator  
Paul F. DeLosh, Director of Judicial Services  
Supreme Court of Virginia