



Commonwealth of Virginia

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The Honorable Donald P. McDonough
Chief Judge
County of Fairfax General District Court
4110 Chain Bridge Road
Fairfax, VA 22030

The Honorable Jane M. Roush
Magistrate Supervising Authority
Nineteenth Judicial District
4110 Chain Bridge
Fairfax, VA 22030

As part of our audit of the Virginia District Court System, we have audited the cash receipts and disbursements of the County of Fairfax General District Court and the associated magistrates from the Nineteenth Judicial District for the period January 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006.

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 discussed these comments with the Clerk and the Chief Magistrate and we acknowledge the cooperation extended to us by the Court and the Magistrates during this engagement.

AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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cc: The Honorable Michael J. Cassidy, Judge
The Honorable Stewart P. Davis, Judge
The Honorable Thomas E. Gallahue, Judge
Nancy L. Lake, Clerk
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