



Commonwealth of Virginia

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The Honorable Gerald F. Daltan
Chief Judge
City of Fredericksburg Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court
PO Box 400
Stafford, VA 22555

Audit Period: July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010
Court System: City of Fredericksburg
Judicial District: Fifteenth

We are performing a statewide audit of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations 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:

Recover Costs for Public Defenders

The Clerk did not recover from the locality the state funds used to pay public defenders when they represented defendants charged with local offenses as required by Section 19.2-163 of the Code of Virginia. As a result, the Commonwealth incurred a loss of \$220. We recommend the Clerk research all similar cases and recover these funds from the locality for payment to the State Treasurer.

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

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cc: The Honorable David F. Peterson, Judge
Joan M. Millward, Clerk
Paul F. DeLosh, Director of Judicial Services
Supreme Court of Virginia