



# Commonwealth of Virginia

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June 30, 2009

The Honorable Bryant L. Suggs  
Chief Judge  
City of Newport News General District Court  
2500 Washington Avenue, 2nd Floor  
Newport News, VA 23607-4307

Audit Period: January 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009  
Court Locality: City of Newport News – Civil Division

We have audited the cash receipts and disbursements of the Clerk of the General District Court Civil Division 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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cc: The Honorable Richard C. Kerns, Judge  
The Honorable Alfred O. Masters, Jr., Judge  
The Honorable Gary A. Mills, Judge  
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