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July 7, 2010

The Honorable Charles J. Colgan, Chairman
Senate Finance Committee
Senate of Virginia
10660 Aviation Lane
Manassas, VA 20110-2701

The Honorable Lacey E. Putney, Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
Virginia House of Delegates
P.O. Box 127
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RE: Report on the amounts paid for Guardian ad Litem purposes, amounts reimbursed by parents and/or guardians and the savings achieved.

Dear Chairmen Colgan and Putney:

Pursuant to Item 42, Paragraph E of the Appropriations Act, Chapter 781, 2009 Acts of Assembly, the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia is required to submit a report on August 1 and January 1 each year on actions taken to comply with the requirement that courts seek reimbursement from parents/guardians for the costs of services rendered by a guardian ad litem for children. Please find below an account of the amounts paid for Guardian ad Litem purposes, amounts reimbursed by parents and/or guardians and the savings achieved from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

- Amounts paid for guardians ad litem – \$ 16,759,380
- Amounts assessed against parents – \$ 1,997,908
- Amounts collected from parents (savings) – \$ 1,154,020

If additional information is needed about the implementation of this budget requirement by the court system, please do not hesitate to contact me at 786-6455.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karl R. Hade".

Karl R. Hade

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cc: Richard E. Hickman, Jr., Senate Finance Committee
Michael Jay, House Appropriations Committee
Lelia Baum Hopper, Director, Court Improvement Program
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