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Dear Chairmen:

Virginia Code § 16.1-69.10 provides that the Committee on District Courts shall make a study and report to the General Assembly on the number of district court judges needed and the districts for which they shall be authorized. The Committee on District Courts last studied the need for new district court judges in 2008. At that time, the Committee found the need for four new general district court judgeships and six new juvenile and domestic relations district court judgeships. However, due to the economic difficulties faced by the Commonwealth, the Chief Justice did not seek authorization for these new judgeships during the 2009 Session of the General Assembly.

Since that time, in light of the continuing tenuous economic situation, the Supreme Court has not intended to seek authorization for any new judgeships, and no new study has been conducted regarding the need for new district court judgeships.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K R Hade', written in a cursive style.

Karl R. Hade

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cc: The Honorable Susan C. Schaar, Clerk
The Honorable Bruce F. Jamerson, Clerk
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