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December 6, 2011

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

The Honorable Lacey E. Putney
Chairman, House Appropriations Committee
P.O. Box 127
Bedford, VA 24523

The Honorable Henry L. Marsh III
Chairman, Senate Courts of Justice Committee
422 East Franklin Street, Suite 301
Richmond, VA 23219

The Honorable David B. Albo
Chairman, House Courts of Justice Committee
6367 Rolling Mill Place, Suite 102
Springfield, VA 22152

RE: Annual Report pursuant to Item 39, Paragraph D, of the 2010 Appropriations Act

Dear Chairmen:

Item 39, Paragraph D, of the 2010 Appropriations Act requires the Executive Secretary to submit to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Committees on Courts of Justice and the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees a fiscal impact assessment of the recommendations of the Judicial Council and the Committee on District Courts for the creation of any new judgeships, including the cost of judicial retirement.

In light of the economic difficulties faced by the Commonwealth, the Supreme Court did not intend to seek authorization for any new judgeships during the 2012 Session of General Assembly and no study was conducted by the Judicial Council or the Committee on District Courts regarding the need for new judgeships in 2011. Nonetheless, please find enclosed an

assessment of the annual cost of each circuit and district judgeship.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,



Karl R. Hade

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Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Susan C. Schaar, Clerk
The Honorable G. Paul Nardo, Clerk
Mr. Richard E. Hickman, Jr., Senate Finance Committee
Mr. Michael Jay, House Appropriations Committee
Ms. Mary Kate Felch, Division of Legislative Services
Division of Legislative Automated Systems

JUDGESHIP COSTS
SALARY EFFECTIVE 11/25/11

		<u>District</u>
SALARY		\$142,329
RETIREMENT	42.58%	60,604
GROUP LIFE	0.79%	1,124
RETIREE HEALTH INS.	1.00%	1,423
FICA BASE	110,100 @7.65%	8,423
FICA (above cap)	32,229 @1.45%	467
HEALTH		11,688
DEF COMP MATCH		480
SUB/RET JUDGES:		
DISTRICT AVG.EXP. PER JUDGE		6,060
FICA SUB JUDGE		464
TOTAL		\$233,062

DISTRICT SUBSTITUTE BASED ON 30.3 DAYS @ \$200.00 (Annual Report 2009)

JUDGESHIP COSTS
SALARY EFFECTIVE 11/25/11

		Circuit
SALARY		\$158,134
RETIREMENT	42.58%	67,333
GROUP LIFE	0.79%	1,249
RETIREE HEALTH INS.	1.00%	1,581
FICA BASE	110,100 @7.65%	8,423
FICA (above cap)	48,034 @1.45%	696
HEALTH		11,688
DEF COMP MATCH		480
CLERK HIRE		1,500
SUB/RET JUDGES:		
CIRCUIT AVG.EXP. PER JUDGE		4,648
FICA FOR SUB JUDGE		356
TOTAL		\$256,089

CIRCUIT SUBSTITUTE BASED ON 23.24 DAYS @ \$200.00 (Annual Report 2009)