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The Honorable John S. Edwards  
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Dear Chairs Edwards, Deeds, Bell, and Ms. de Socio:

Virginia Code § 17.1-507 provides that no additional circuit court judge shall be authorized or provided for any judicial circuit until the Judicial Council has made a study of the need for such additional circuit court judge and reports its findings and recommendations. In 2017, the Executive Committee of the Judicial Council adopted the National Center for State Courts' report and recommendations contained in the *2017 Virginia Judicial Workload Assessment Report*. Based on the recommendations made in the Report, the number of judicial positions in the circuits authorized in Va. Code § 17.1-507 was amended and became effective July 1, 2018. In addition, the General Assembly authorized one new circuit court judgeship in the Thirty-First Judicial Circuit of Virginia, effective July 1, 2022.

No study was conducted in 2022 regarding the need for new circuit court

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judgeships. The Judicial Council does not recommend the authorization of new circuit court judgeships but encourages the filling of the current and announced authorized judicial vacancies as set forth in the enclosed document.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "KRH", written in a cursive style.

Karl R. Hade

KRH:jrs

Enclosure

## Current and Announced Judicial Vacancies

Circuit/District	Circuit		General District		J&DR District	
	Authorized* Judges	Vacancies	Authorized* Judges	Vacancies	Authorized* Judges	Vacancies
1	5	1	4	-	4	-
2	8	1	7	-	6	-
2A			2	-	1	-
3	4	-	2	-	3	-
4	8	1	6	-	5	-
5	4	-	3	-	2	-
6	3	1	5	-	3	-
7	5	-	4	-	4	-
8	3	-	3	-	3	-
9	4	-	3	-	4	1
10	4	-	3	-	3	-
11	3	-	3	-	3	-
12	6	-	5	1	6	-
13	7	-	6	-	5	-
14	5	-	5	1	5	-
15	11	-	8	1	9	-
16	6	-	4	-	6	-
17	4	1	3	-	2	-
18	3	-	2	-	2	-
19	15	-	12	1	8	1
20	5	-	4	-	3	-
21	3	-	2	-	2	-
22	4	-	2	1	4	-
23	5	-	4	-	5	-
24	6	1	3	-	6	-
25	6	-	4	-	5	-
26	8	-	5	-	7	-
27	6	-	5	-	5	-
28	4	-	3	-	3	-
29	5	-	2	-	3	-
30	4	-	2	-	3	-
31	7	-	5	-	5	-
<b>State</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>2</b>

\*"Authorized Judges" refers to the maximum number of judges stated in Virginia Code § 17.1-507 (circuit) and § 16.1-69.6:1 (district) as of July 1, 2022.

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