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The Honorable Robert B. Bell  
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Dear Chairs Edwards, Deeds, Howell, Barker, Knight, and Bell:

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. In 2017, the Executive Committee of the Committee on District Courts adopted the National Center for State Court's report and recommendations contained in the *2017 Virginia Judicial Workload Assessment Report*. Based on the recommendations in the Report, the number of judicial positions in the districts authorized in Va. Code § 16.1-69.6:1 was amended and became effective July 1, 2018. In addition, the General Assembly authorized one new general district court judgeship in the 19th Judicial District of Virginia, effective July 1, 2020.

At the October 20, 2022, meeting of the Committee on District Courts, at the request of Delegate Leslie R. Adams, the Committee considered and approved

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recommending an additional general district court judgeship in the Twenty-Second Judicial District.

Current and announced authorized judicial vacancies in the district and circuit courts are set forth in the enclosed document.

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".

Karl R. Hade

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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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