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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.

At the May 8, 2025, meeting of the Committee on District Courts, the Committee approved recommending two additional general district court judgeships; one each in the Twelfth Judicial District and the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District, and two additional juvenile and domestic

Report pursuant to Virginia Code § 16.1-69.10  
December 15, 2025  
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relations district court judgeships; one each in the Twelfth Judicial District and the Fifteenth Judicial District.

Please find enclosed the materials presented to the Committee on District Courts for their consideration of the approved recommendations. Also enclosed, please find a report of current and announced authorized judicial vacancies in the district and circuit courts as of December 12, 2025.

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

KRH:jrs

Enclosures



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April 10, 2025

Karl R. Hade, Executive Secretary  
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Supreme Court of Virginia  
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Richmond VA 23219

Re: Request for an additional judgeship for the General District Court of the 12th Judicial District.

Dear Mr. Hade;

I am writing to request a sixth General District Court judge in the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. The October 2024 judicial work-load assessment indicated that we are 1.46 judges understaffed. Page 66 of the study is attached for your reference.

The 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District heard 88,559 cases in 2024. We are a high-volume court. Despite hearing this huge number of cases, we need additional help being almost 1.5 judges short.

I would appreciate time at your May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 committee on district courts meeting to make a presentation supporting our request.

We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James J. O'Connell, III".

James J. O'Connell, III  
Chief Judge  
Chesterfield General District Court

Cc: Paul F. Delosh  
Norma Gates  
Sharon Livsie

## APPENDIX J: GENERAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE NEED, BY DISTRICT

District	Current Authorized Judges	Total Judge Need FTE	Workload per Judge	Judge Need (FTE) rounded 1.15/.9	Final Workload per Judge
1	4.0	3.33	.83	3.00	1.11
2	7.0	6.17	.88	6.00	1.03
2A	2.0	1.55	.78	2.00	.78
3	2.0	1.62	.81	2.00	.81
4	6.0	4.28	.71	4.00	1.07
5	3.0	2.60	.87	3.00	.87
6	5.0	4.49	.90	5.00	.90
7	4.0	3.68	.92	4.00	.92
8	3.0	2.56	.85	3.00	.85
9	3.0	3.79	1.26	4.00	.95
10	3.0	2.53	.84	3.00	.84
11	3.0	2.71	.90	3.00	.90
12	5.0	6.46	1.29	6.00	1.08
13	6.0	4.56	.76	5.00	.91
14	5.0	5.29	1.06	5.00	1.06
15	8.0	7.37	.92	8.00	.92
16	4.0	4.28	1.07	4.00	1.07
17	3.0	2.87	.96	3.00	.96
18	2.0	1.45	.72	2.00	.72
19	12.0	10.58	.88	11.00	.96
20	4.0	4.23	1.06	4.00	1.06
21	2.0	1.21	.61	2.00	.61
22	3.0	2.28	.76	2.00	1.14
23	4.0	4.17	1.04	4.00	1.04
24	3.0	3.39	1.13	3.00	1.13
25	4.0	4.22	1.06	4.00	1.06
26	5.0	5.85	1.17	6.00	.97
27	5.0	4.69	.94	5.00	.94
28	3.0	2.43	.81	3.00	.81
29	2.0	1.67	.84	2.00	.84
30	2.0	1.49	.74	2.00	.74
31	5.0	5.72	1.14	5.00	1.14
<b>Total</b>	<b>132.0</b>	<b>123.53</b>	<b>.94</b>	<b>128.00</b>	<b>.97</b>

# Supreme Court of Virginia

## Office of the Executive Secretary

### Judicial Workload Report 2025

(2022-2024 Caseload Data)





# Judicial Workload Report 2025 (2022-2024 Caseload Data) Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Courts of Virginia

District **12**

Based on 2022-2024 Filings

Current Authorized Judges	2022-2024 Need	FTE Need	Workload Per Judge	Number of Judges with Workload Per Judge	
<b>6.00</b>	<b>7.47</b>	<b>1.47</b>	<b>1.24</b>	4	1.87
				5	1.49
				6	1.24
				7	1.07
				8	0.93

	Filings	Weight	2022-2024 Workload Minutes	Judge FTE
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,279</b>		<b>1,574,532</b>	<b>7.47</b>
Adult Criminal	13,763	18.0	254,797	1.2084
Child Dependency	874	46.0	41,279	0.1958
Child in Need of Services/Supervision	297	116.0	35,292	0.1674
Custody and Visitation	20,022	24.0	494,619	2.3457
Delinquency	5,643	41.0	237,950	1.1285
Juvenile Miscellaneous	356	49.0	17,985	0.0853
Other	2,391	9.0	22,176	0.1052
Protective Orders	8,187	29.0	244,195	1.1581
Support/Desertion	9,228	20.0	189,991	0.9010
Traffic	2,518	14.0	36,250	0.1719

Filings \* Weight + *Interpreter Workload* = Workload Minutes

Judge FTE=Workload Minutes divided by 3 divided by 70,287

Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Judge Case-Specific Year Values	<b>70,287</b>	Judge FTE by Year	<b><u>2022</u></b> 7.11	<b><u>2023</u></b> 7.79	<b><u>2024</u></b> 7.50
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Chesterfield	Colonial Heights
6.91	0.56



# Judicial Workload Report 2025 (2022-2024 Caseload Data) General District Courts of Virginia

District **12**

Based on 2022-2024 Filings

Current Authorized Judges	2022-2024 Need	FTE Need	Workload Per Judge	Number of Judges with Workload Per Judge	
<b>5.00</b>	<b>6.76</b>	<b>1.76</b>	<b>1.35</b>	3	2.25
				4	1.69
				5	1.35
				6	1.13
				7	0.97

	Filings	Weight	2022-2024 Workload Minutes	Judge FTE
<b>Total</b>	<b>256,803</b>		<b>1,430,112</b>	<b>6.76</b>
Felony	13,434	20.1	284,704	1.3460
Garnishment	30,199	1.0	31,944	0.1510
General Civil	44,481	5.5	258,713	1.2231
Landlord/Tenant	20,737	6.4	140,449	0.6640
Misdemeanor	61,823	6.5	424,208	2.0055
Other	18,415	2.0	38,873	0.1838
Protective Orders	5,870	10.0	62,035	0.2933
Traffic Infraction/Civil Violation	61,844	2.9	189,186	0.8944

Filings \* Weight + *Interpreter Workload* = Workload Minutes

Judge FTE=Workload Minutes divided by 3 divided by 70,506

General District Judge  
Case-Specific  
Year Values

**70,506**

Judge FTE by Year

**2022**  
**6.69**

**2023**  
**6.78**

**2024**  
**6.82**

**Chesterfield**

**Colonial Heights**

**6.09**

**0.67**



# Judicial Workload Report 2025 (2022-2024 Caseload Data) General District Courts of Virginia

District **26**

Based on 2022-2024 Filings

Current Authorized Judges	2022-2024 Need	FTE Need	Workload Per Judge	Number of Judges with Workload Per Judge	
<b>5.00</b>	<b>6.20</b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>1.24</b>	3	2.07
				4	1.55
				5	1.24
				6	1.03
				7	0.89

	Filings	Weight	2022-2024 Workload Minutes	Judge FTE
<b>Total</b>	<b>237,832</b>		<b>1,312,228</b>	<b>6.20</b>
Felony	13,086	20.1	273,869	1.2948
Garnishment	17,146	1.0	17,694	0.0837
General Civil	37,139	5.5	214,525	1.0142
Landlord/Tenant	6,696	6.4	44,929	0.2124
Misdemeanor	63,568	6.5	430,836	2.0369
Other	16,930	2.0	35,178	0.1663
Protective Orders	3,824	10.0	39,979	0.1890
Specialty Dockets	23	624.0	14,352	0.0679
Traffic Infraction/Civil Violation	79,420	2.9	240,868	1.1388

Filings \* Weight + *Interpreter Workload* = Workload Minutes

Judge FTE=Workload Minutes divided by 3 divided by 70,506

General District Judge Case-Specific Year Values	<b>70,506</b>	Judge FTE by Year	<b><u>2022</u></b> 5.69	<b><u>2023</u></b> 6.36	<b><u>2024</u></b> 6.57
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Clarke	Frederick	Page	Rockingham	Shenandoah	Warren	Winchester
0.18	1.05	0.40	2.53	0.71	0.64	0.69





# Judicial Workload Report 2025 (2022-2024 Caseload Data) Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Courts of Virginia

District **15**

Based on 2022-2024 Filings

Current Authorized Judges	2022-2024 Need	FTE Need	Workload Per Judge	Number of Judges with Workload Per Judge	
<b>9.00</b>	<b>10.78</b>	<b>1.78</b>	<b>1.20</b>	7	1.54
				8	1.35
				9	1.20
				10	1.08
				11	0.98

	Filings	Weight	2022-2024 Workload Minutes	Judge FTE
<b>Total</b>	<b>91,341</b>		<b>2,272,184</b>	<b>10.78</b>
Adult Criminal	20,012	18.0	361,204	1.7130
Child Dependency	2,512	46.0	116,168	0.5509
Child in Need of Services/Supervision	895	116.0	104,010	0.4933
Custody and Visitation	30,339	24.0	729,863	3.4613
Delinquency	6,244	41.0	256,762	1.2177
Juvenile Miscellaneous	199	49.0	9,771	0.0463
Other	2,447	9.0	22,101	0.1048
Protective Orders	12,491	29.0	363,152	1.7222
Support/Desertion	13,613	20.0	272,794	1.2937
Traffic	2,589	14.0	36,360	0.1724

Filings \* Weight + *Interpreter Workload* = Workload Minutes

Judge FTE=Workload Minutes divided by 3 divided by 70,287

Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Judge Case-Specific Year Values					70,287	Judge FTE by Year			<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
									10.32	10.88	11.12
Caroline	Essex	Frederic	Hanover	King Geo	Lancaste	Northumb	Richmond	Spotsylv	Stafford	Westmore	
0.78	0.23	0.86	1.51	0.52	0.19	0.22	0.13	2.93	2.88	0.52	



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA  
*Stafford Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court*

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March 19, 2025

Karl R. Hade  
Office of the Executive Secretary  
Supreme Court of Virginia  
100 North Ninth Street, Third Floor  
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Mr. Hade:

On behalf of the Judges of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts for the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, I am requesting that our district be approved for another full-time judgeship. As you know, the 2024 National Center for State Courts Judicial Workload Assessment found that our district needed one additional full-time judgeship (appendix K). We have collectively reviewed the workload assessment, other reports, the needs of each Court and their ability to accommodate another full-time judgeship and have determined that, in fact, we concur with the National Center for State Courts Judicial Workload Assessment that there is a need for an additional judgeship in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts for the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District to adequately meet the needs of our citizens.

I am requesting to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Committee on District Courts.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me through my Clerk, James Thompson at 540-658-8855.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard.

Sincerely,

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Andrea M Stewart, Chief Judge,  
For the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts for the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District

## APPENDIX K: JUVENILE & DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT JUDGE NEED, BY DISTRICT

District	Current Authorized Judges	Total Judge Need FTE	Workload per Judge	Judge Need (FTE) rounded 1.15/.9	Final Workload per Judge
1	4.0	4.30	1.07	4.00	1.07
2	6.0	7.62	1.27	7.00	1.09
2A	1.0	.76	.76	1.00	.76
3	3.0	2.65	.88	3.00	.88
4	5.0	5.03	1.01	5.00	1.01
5	2.0	3.23	1.61	3.00	1.08
6	3.0	2.43	.81	3.00	.81
7	4.0	4.12	1.03	4.00	1.03
8	3.0	3.42	1.14	3.00	1.14
9	4.0	4.49	1.12	4.00	1.12
10	3.0	3.28	1.09	3.00	1.09
11	3.0	2.74	.91	3.00	.91
12	6.0	7.14	1.19	7.00	1.02
13	5.0	4.62	.92	5.00	.92
14	5.0	4.73	.95	5.00	.95
15	9.0	10.35	1.15	10.00	1.03
16	6.0	6.40	1.07	6.00	1.07
17	2.0	1.82	.91	2.00	.91
18	2.0	1.56	.78	2.00	.78
19	8.0	7.89	.99	8.00	.99
20	4.0	3.48	.87	4.00	.87
21	2.0	2.27	1.14	2.00	1.14
22	4.0	4.50	1.12	4.00	1.12
23	5.0	5.83	1.17	6.00	.97
24	6.0	6.92	1.15	7.00	.99
25	5.0	4.93	.99	5.00	.99
26	7.0	7.63	1.09	7.00	1.09
27	5.0	5.51	1.10	5.00	1.10
28	3.0	2.81	.94	3.00	.94
29	3.0	2.97	.99	3.00	.99
30	3.0	2.60	.87	3.00	.87
31	6.0	6.03	1.01	6.00	1.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>137.0</b>	<b>144.06</b>	<b>1.05</b>	<b>143.00</b>	<b>1.01</b>

## Current and Announced Judicial Vacancies

Circuit/District	Circuit		General District		J&DR District	
	Authorized*		Authorized*		Authorized*	
	Judges	Vacancies	Judges	Vacancies	Judges	Vacancies
1	6	0	4	0	4	1
2	8	1	7	0	7	0
2A			2	0	1	0
3	4	0	2	0	3	0
4	8	1	6	0	5	0
5	4	0	3	0	2	0
6	3	0	5	1	3	0
7	5	0	4	0	4	0
8	3	0	3	0	3	0
9	5	0	4	0	4	0
10	4	0	3	0	3	0
11	3	0	3	0	3	0
12	6	1	5	1	6	1
13	7	0	6	0	5	0
14	5	0	5	0	5	0
15	12	2	8	1	9	2
16	6	0	4	0	6	0
17	4	0	3	0	2	0
18	3	0	2	0	2	1
19	15	1	12	0	8	0
20	5	0	4	0	4	0
21	3	1	2	0	2	0
22	4	1	3	0	4	1
23	5	0	4	1	5	0
24	6	2	3	0	6	1
25	7	0	4	0	5	0
26	8	0	5	0	7	0
27	6	0	5	0	5	0
28	4	0	3	0	3	1
29	5	0	2	0	3	0
30	4	0	2	0	3	0
31	7	2	6	1	6	0
<b>State</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>8</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, 2025.

Prepared by: OES, 12/12/2025