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January 10, 2025

The Honorable Scott Surovell, Chair
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The Honorable Patrick A. Hope, Chair
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Dear Chairs Surovell and Hope, 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.

The Judicial Council continues to study the need for additional circuit court judgeships and does not recommend the authorization of any new circuit court judgeships at this time, but seeks to have existing authorized vacancies filled.

Please find enclosed a report of current and announced authorized judicial vacancies in the district and circuit courts as of January 10, 2024.

Report pursuant to Virginia Code § 17.1-507
January 10, 2025
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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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Enclosure

Current and Announced Judicial Vacancies

Circuit/District	Circuit		General District		J&DR District	
	Authorized* Judges	Vacancies	Authorized* Judges	Vacancies	Authorized* Judges	Vacancies
1	6	1	4	0	4	0
2	8	0	7	0	6	0
2A			2	1	1	0
3	4	2	2	0	3	0
4	8	2	6	0	5	0
5	4	0	3	1	2	0
6	3	0	5	1	3	0
7	5	1	4	0	4	0
8	3	1	3	0	3	0
9	5	0	3	0	4	0
10	4	0	3	0	3	0
11	3	0	3	0	3	0
12	6	0	5	0	6	0
13	7	0	6	0	5	0
14	5	1	5	0	5	1
15	12	3	8	1	9	1
16	6	0	4	0	6	0
17	4	0	3	1	2	0
18	3	1	2	0	2	1
19	15	2	12	1	8	0
20	5	0	4	0	4	0
21	3	0	2	0	2	1
22	4	0	3	0	4	1
23	5	0	4	0	5	0
24	6	0	3	0	6	0
25	7	0	4	0	5	0
26	8	0	5	0	7	1
27	6	0	5	0	5	0
28	4	1	3	0	3	0
29	5	0	2	0	3	0
30	4	0	2	0	3	1
31	7	2	5	0	6	0
State	175	17	132	6	137	7

*"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, 2024.

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