

*The County of Chester
Office of the Controller
Internal Audit Department*



*Management Letter
Magisterial District Court 15-2-07
For the year ended December 31, 2007*

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To: Magisterial District Judge Stanley Scott

Introduction

On September 3, 2008, Internal Audit completed an audit of Magisterial District Court 15-2-07 (*District Court*). Robert Pinkos, CIA, was the auditor-in-charge. Internal Audit is required by County Code to review district courts annually to ensure compliance with policies and procedures mandated by the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts and/or District Justice Administration and to assess their overall internal control structure. The scope of our audit included a review of the following:

- Cash and Petty Cash
- Undisbursed Funds
- Cash Receipts
- Manual Receipts
- Cash Disbursements
- Voided Transactions
- Overall Compliance.

Executive Summary

The management and staff of the *District Court* are, in all material respects, in compliance with policies and procedures set forth by the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts and directives imposed by District Justice Administration. Internal Audit noted no matters of a significant nature in the area of compliance or in the overall internal control structure. Internal Audit only noted a minor finding involving compliance and is included within this Management Letter. Our observations and testing revealed a knowledgeable and well-trained staff.

We would like to thank the management and staff of the *District Court* for their cooperation and assistance during the course of this audit. We have provided herein a copy of our “Audit Findings” and “Recommendations” for your review and comment.

Please feel free to contact our office at (610) 344-5906 should you have any questions or concerns.

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MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT 15-2-07

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

I. COMPLIANCE WITH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

In order to test compliance with all applicable policies and procedures, Internal Audit selected a statistical sample of 25 case files out of a total population of 7,313 case files created in 2007. In addition, we performed other related tests of cash receipts, cash disbursements, manual receipts, undisbursed funds, and voided transactions. Sample size for the tested areas was determined through a risk assessment analysis based on the results of the *District Court's* prior year audit and current year case load. We believe the results of our tests are representative of the entire population on the basis of accepted audit sampling principles.

Finding 1: Undisbursed Funds

Internal Audit noted 2 instances, in which collateral was not disbursed in a timely manner after the case was closed.

Recommendation

Internal Audit recommends that the *District Court* refund or apply the funds to the case as soon as possible. *District Court* management should review the Undisbursed Funds Report on a monthly basis to ensure that funds are disbursed in a timely manner once the case is closed.

Auditee Response

District Court management concurs with the audit finding and recommendation.

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MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT 15-2-07

SUMMARY OF EXIT CONFERENCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

An exit conference was not warranted for the audit of Magisterial District Court 15-2-07. Magisterial District Judge Stanley Scott has accepted the report as presented.