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Report on the

Presiding Circuit Judge's Judicial Administration Fund 24th Judicial Circuit

Fayette, Lamar and Pickens Counties, Alabama

June 1, 2019 through February 29, 2024

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Dear Madam:

An examination was conducted on the Presiding Circuit Judge's Judicial Administration Fund, 24th Judicial Circuit, Fayette, Lamar and Pickens Counties, Alabama, for the period June 1, 2019 through February 29, 2024. Under the authority of the ***Code of Alabama 1975***, Section 41-5A-19, I hereby swear to and submit this report to you on the results of the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Hulsey
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EXAMINER'S SUMMARY

Presiding Circuit Judge's Judicial Administration Fund
24th Judicial Circuit
Fayette, Lamar and Pickens Counties, Alabama
June 1, 2019 through February 29, 2024

PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE EXAMINATION

This report presents the results of an examination of the Presiding Circuit Judge's Judicial Administration Fund, 24th Judicial Circuit, Fayette, Lamar and Pickens Counties, Alabama and a review of the Presiding Circuit Judge's Judicial Administration Fund's compliance with applicable laws and regulations of the State of Alabama in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts under the authority of the ***Code of Alabama 1975***, Section 41-5A-12.

An overview of the Presiding Circuit Judge's Judicial Administration Fund's operating authority is contained in this report in the Agency Overview. The Presiding Circuit Judge's Judicial Administration Fund's financial information is contained in Exhibit 1. Honorable Samuel Junkin served as Presiding Circuit Judge during the examination period.

RESULTS OF THE EXAMINATION

Tests performed during the examination did not disclose any significant instances of noncompliance with applicable state or local laws and regulations.

EXIT CONFERENCE

The Official was invited to and attended the exit conference to discuss the results of this examination. Representing the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts were Joshua D. Taylor, Audit Manager and James M. Hulsey, Examiner.

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AGENCY OVERVIEW

Presiding Circuit Judge's Judicial Administration Fund
24th Judicial Circuit
Fayette, Lamar and Pickens Counties, Alabama
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The Presiding Circuit Judge's Judicial Administration Fund, 24th Judicial Circuit, Fayette, Lamar and Pickens Counties, Alabama, operates under the provisions of the ***Code of Alabama 1975***, Section 12-19-310, which increases docket fees in certain civil and criminal cases in circuit and district court. The proceeds are to be expended for support of local court operations including, but not limited to, salaries and benefits of court employees where necessary for the efficient operations of the courts in the circuit and for other expenses as individually determined necessary by the Presiding Circuit Judge to promote efficient administration of justice. The Presiding Circuit Judge has supervision over the fund and must authorize any funds expended.

Also, the Presiding Circuit Judge's Judicial Administration Fund receives funds from the District Attorney's Funds in the county where the Presiding Judge's Office is principally located as authorized under the ***Code of Alabama 1975***, Section 45-29-82.41.

Financial Information

Summary of Receipts, Disbursements and Cash Balance
June 1, 2019 through February 29, 2024

Receipts		
Court Fees	$	111,178.71
District Attorney		29,000.00
CARES Reimbursement		47,072.12
Interest and Miscellaneous		259.32
Total Receipts		187,510.15
Disbursements		
Dues/Fees		7,840.39
Travel		4,492.25
Reporting Services		97,757.75
Judicial Aide Compensation		12,277.19
Office Equipment		47,251.30
Office Internet		10,862.33
Miscellaneous		26,986.22
Total Disbursements		207,467.43
Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements		(19,957.28)
Balance - June 1, 2019		24,825.00
Balance - February 29, 2024	$	4,867.72