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DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FORTIETH  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
St. John the Baptist Parish  
Edgard, Louisiana  
General Purpose Financial Statements  
and Independent Auditor's Report  
As of and for the Year Ended  
December 31, 1999

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable John M. Crum, Jr.

District Attorney of the Fortieth Judicial District  
A Component Unit of the St. John the Baptist Parish Council  
St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana

I have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the District Attorney of the Fortieth Judicial District as of and for the year ended December 31, 1999, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the management of the District Attorney of the Fortieth Judicial District. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards contained in the Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the District Attorney of the Fortieth Judicial District as of December 31, 1999, and the results of operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements, as listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the District Attorney of the Fortieth

Judicial District. This information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued a report dated June 8, 2000, on my consideration of the District Attorney of the Fortieth Judicial District's compliance and internal control over financial reporting based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards. This report is presented separately after the notes to the financial statements of this audit report.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Keith J. Rovira".

Keith J. Rovira  
Certified Public Accountant

June 8, 2000

**GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FORTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
**St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana**  
**Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups**  
**December 31, 1999**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<u>Account Group General Fixed Assets</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>		
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>				
Cash and cash equivalents (Note B)	\$101,530	\$99,090	-	\$200,620
Revenues receivable:				
Intergovernmental - com- missions on fines, etc.	10,276	18,859	-	29,135
Other receivables	-	13,610	-	13,610
Office furnishings and equipment (Note C)	-	-	\$198,835	198,835
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$111,806</u>	<u>\$131,559</u>	<u>\$198,835</u>	<u>\$442,200</u>
 <b><u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u></b>				
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Salaries, related benefits and payroll taxes payable	\$26,412	-	-	\$26,412
Accounts payable	-	\$13,610	-	13,610
Total Liabilities	<u>26,412</u>	<u>13,610</u>	-	<u>40,022</u>
<b>Fund Equity:</b>				
Investment in general fixed assets	-	-	\$198,835	198,835
<b>Fund balance:</b>				
Reserved	-	50,869	-	50,869
Unreserved - undesignated	85,394	67,080	-	152,474
Total Fund Balance	<u>85,394</u>	<u>117,949</u>	-	<u>203,343</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>85,394</u>	<u>117,949</u>	<u>198,835</u>	<u>402,178</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$111,806</u>	<u>\$131,559</u>	<u>\$198,835</u>	<u>\$442,200</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FORTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
 St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana  
 Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
 in Fund Balances - All Governmental Fund Types  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

	<u>Governmental</u> <u>Fund Types</u>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Special</u> <u>Revenue</u>	
<u>Revenues</u>			
Commissions on fines & forfeitures	\$219,881	-	\$219,881
Collection fees on worthless checks	-	\$28,341	28,341
Collection of forfeitures	-	147,988	147,988
Intergovernmental revenues:			
Grant - Louisiana Department of Social Services	-	215,509	215,509
St. John Parish Criminal Court Fund	76,945	-	76,945
St. John Parish General Fund	145,932	-	145,932
Victim's Assistance Coordinator Fund	21,849	-	21,849
St. John Parish School Board Pre-Trial Diversion Program	-	111,849 30,384	111,849 30,384
Reimbursements	93,096	-	93,096
Interest earnings	4,017	-	4,017
Other	<u>22,524</u>	<u>22,577</u>	<u>45,101</u>
Total Revenues	<u>584,244</u>	<u>556,288</u>	<u>1,140,532</u>
 <u>Expenditures</u>			
Salaries, related benefits and payroll taxes	410,341	351,295	761,636
Continuing education and travel	41,320	865	42,185
Office supplies and maintenance	6,855	6,084	12,939
Insurance	36,345	-	36,345
Professional dues and services	6,850	-	6,850
Capital outlay	12,188	843	13,031
Rent, utilities and telephone	43,370	21,173	64,543
Payments of forfeitures	-	115,182	115,182
Other	<u>20,000</u>	<u>2,646</u>	<u>22,646</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>577,269</u>	<u>498,087</u>	<u>1,075,356</u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>6,975</u>	<u>58,201</u>	<u>65,176</u>
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	<u>78,419</u>	<u>59,748</u>	<u>138,167</u>
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u>\$85,394</u>	<u>\$117,949</u>	<u>\$203,343</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.



**DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FORTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
 St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana  
 Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
 in Fund Balances - All Governmental Fund Types -  
 Budget (Cash Basis) and Actual -  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

	<u>General Fund</u>		
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>Revenues</u>			
Commissions on fines & forfeitures	\$247,564	\$220,862	\$(26,702)
Intergovernmental revenues	236,676	264,726	28,050
Interest earnings	480	4,317	3,837
Reimbursements	60,000	93,096	33,096
Other	<u>-</u>	<u>2,524</u>	<u>2,524</u>
Total Revenues	<u>544,720</u>	<u>585,525</u>	<u>40,805</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>			
Salaries, related benefits and payroll taxes	429,064	393,822	35,242
Continuing education and travel	33,492	41,319	(7,827)
Office supplies and maintenance	10,500	6,855	3,645
Insurance	47,200	36,345	10,855
Professional dues and services	8,316	7,103	1,213
Capital outlay	8,004	12,188	(4,184)
Rent, utilities and telephone	36,996	43,370	(6,374)
Payments of forfeitures	-	-	-
Other	<u>-</u>	<u>22,785</u>	<u>(22,785)</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>573,572</u>	<u>563,787</u>	<u>9,785</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	(28,852)	21,738	50,590
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	<u>64,392</u>	<u>73,105</u>	<u>8,713</u>
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u>\$35,540</u>	<u>\$94,843</u>	<u>\$59,303</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>			<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>		
<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
\$174,085	\$176,330	\$2,245	\$421,649	\$397,192	\$(24,457)
326,245	362,283	36,038	562,921	627,009	64,088
-	-	-	480	4,317	3,837
-	-	-	60,000	93,096	33,096
<u>960</u>	<u>469</u>	<u>(491)</u>	<u>960</u>	<u>2,993</u>	<u>2,033</u>
<u>501,290</u>	<u>539,082</u>	<u>37,792</u>	<u>1,046,010</u>	<u>1,124,607</u>	<u>78,597</u>
318,992	341,783	(22,791)	748,056	735,605	12,451
3,000	865	2,135	36,492	42,184	(5,692)
12,500	6,378	6,122	23,000	13,233	9,767
-	-	-	47,200	36,345	10,855
-	-	-	8,316	7,103	1,213
-	-	-	8,004	12,188	(4,184)
21,000	21,173	(173)	57,996	64,543	(6,547)
126,566	114,888	11,678	126,566	114,888	11,678
<u>13,010</u>	<u>8,607</u>	<u>4,403</u>	<u>13,010</u>	<u>31,392</u>	<u>(18,382)</u>
<u>495,068</u>	<u>493,694</u>	<u>1,374</u>	<u>1,068,640</u>	<u>1,057,481</u>	<u>11,159</u>
6,222	45,388	39,166	(22,630)	67,126	89,756
<u>45,852</u>	<u>53,702</u>	<u>7,850</u>	<u>110,244</u>	<u>126,807</u>	<u>16,563</u>
<u>\$52,074</u>	<u>\$99,090</u>	<u>\$47,016</u>	<u>\$87,614</u>	<u>\$193,933</u>	<u>\$106,319</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FORTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
December 31, 1999

INTRODUCTION

As provided by Article V, Section 26 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, the district attorney has charge of every criminal prosecution by the state in his district, is the representative of the state before the grand jury in his district, and is the legal advisor to the grand jury. He performs other duties as provided by law. The district attorney is elected by the qualified electors of the judicial district for a term of six years. The fortieth judicial district encompasses the parish of St. John the Baptist, Louisiana.

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying general purpose financial statements of the District Attorney of the Fortieth Judicial District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

2. Reporting Entity

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the St. John the Baptist Parish Council is the financial reporting entity for St. John the Baptist Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (St. John the Baptist Parish Council), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the St. John the Baptist Parish Council for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
  - a. the ability of the parish council to impose its will on that organization, and/or
  - b. the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the parish council.
2. Organizations for which the parish council does not appoint a voting majority, but are fiscally dependent on the parish council.
3. Organizations for which the reporting entity's financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Even though the district attorney is an independently elected official, and is legally separate from the parish council, the exclusion from the parish council's financial statements would cause the parish council's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Also, the district attorney is fiscally dependent on the parish council because the parish council transfers to the district attorney 12 per cent of the fines collected and bonds forfeited, which represents statutorily mandated financial support. The substance of the relationship between the district attorney and the parish council is that the parish council has approval authority over the district attorney's capital budget. Because of these reasons, the district attorney is determined to be a component unit of the St. John the Baptist Parish Council.

3. Fund Accounting

The district attorney uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

segregating transactions relating to certain government functions and activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. On the other hand, an account group is a financial reporting device designed to provide *accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources.*

Funds of the district attorney are classified as governmental funds. Governmental funds account for the district attorney's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of specific or legally restricted monies and the acquisition of general fixed assets. The governmental funds of the district attorney are the General Fund and the Special Revenue Funds, and are described as follows:

a. General Fund

The General Fund is used to account for all financial resources except those accounted for in the Special Revenue Funds. The General Fund was established in compliance with Louisiana Revised Statute 15:571.11, which provides that 12 per cent of the fines collected and bonds forfeited be transmitted to the district attorney to defray the necessary expenses of his office.

b. Special Revenue Funds

The following Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the collection and disbursement of earmarked monies:

Title IV-D Fund --

The Title IV-D Fund was established in July 1985 and consists of incentive payments and reimbursement grants from the Louisiana Department of Social Services, authorized by Act 117 of 1975, to establish family and child support programs compatible with Title IV-D of the social security act. The purpose of the fund is to enforce the support obligation owed by absent parents to their families and children, to locate absent parents, to establish paternity, and to obtain family and child support.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Worthless Check Collection Fee Fund --

The Worthless Check Collection Fee Fund consists of fees collected in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 16:15, which provides for a specific fee whenever the district attorney's office collects and processes a worthless check. Expenditures from this fund are at the sole discretion of the district attorney and may be used to defray the salaries and expenses of the office of the district attorney, but may not be used to supplement the salary of the district attorney.

School Board Account Fund --

The School Board account was established to account for the receipt and disbursement of funds for the performance of legal services for the St. John the Baptist Parish School Board.

Special Pay Fund --

The Special Pay Fund was established to account for the receipt and disbursement of funds for the performance of special services provided to third parties. The district attorney used the Special Pay fund to account for the activities of the Pre-Trial Diversion Program. This program's revenue comes from a fee paid by first-time offenders to the district attorney.

Forfeiture Account Fund --

The Louisiana State Legislature passed the Bail Bond Reform Act of 1993. This act established that bond forfeiture proceeds are to be collected by the St. John the Baptist Sheriff and disbursed by the District Attorney with amounts allocated by percentages predetermined by the Act. Also, the monies and assets seized during the course of a criminal arrest shall be held in this fund until authorized by the court to distribute the monies as required by law.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

4. Fixed Assets

Fixed assets purchased by the governmental funds are accounted for in the General Fixed Assets Account Group. Fixed assets are stated at historical cost or estimated fair market value. The estimates were arrived at using comparable prices of similar items purchased during that time period. Estimates make up an immaterial amount of total fixed assets. Purchases of general fixed assets are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase. Depreciation is not computed on fixed assets since this is only a memorandum account to provide in one record the organization's fixed assets.

The district attorney only owns fixed assets he purchases out of the funds of the district attorney's office. All other fixed assets, which are purchased from the funds of the St. John the Baptist Parish General Fund or the St. John the Baptist Parish Criminal Court Fund, are reported in their general fixed assets account groups, and are not owned by the district attorney.

5. Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases and decreases in net current assets. The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by the governmental funds. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Revenues (General Fund) --

Commissions on fines and forfeitures are recorded in the year they are collected by the tax collector.

Intergovernmental revenues (General Fund) --

Include monies received from the St. John the Baptist Parish Criminal Court Fund, the St. John the Baptist Parish General Fund and the Victim's Assistance Coordinator Fund.



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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Intergovernmental revenues (Special Revenue Funds) -- Include monies received from a grant from the Louisiana Department of Social Services (Title IV-D), the St. John the Baptist Parish School Board (School Board Account), and the South Louisiana Port Commission, the St. John the Baptist Parish General Fund and Pre-Trial Diversion Program (Special Pay Fund).

Interest revenue is recorded in the year in which it is earned.

All other revenues are recorded when received.

Expenditures --

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

6. Budgets

The district attorney prepared budgets for the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds for 1999. All budgets were advertised and made available for public inspection at the district attorney's office in Edgard, Louisiana on December 9, 1998, and adopted on December 29, 1998.

Budgets for the General Fund and the Special Revenue Funds were amended. These budgets were advertised and made available for public inspection at the district attorney's office in Edgard, Louisiana on December 10, 1999, and adopted on December 27, 1999. All budgets were prepared on the cash basis of accounting. All appropriations contained in the budget lapse at year end.

The district attorney's policy is to prepare his budget using the cash basis of accounting, which recognizes revenues as they are received rather than when they are earned, and expenditures when the cash is disbursed rather than when the expenditure is incurred. This basis of accounting is consistent with the basis used for record keeping purposes. The accompanying statements present comparisons of the legally adopted budget with actual data on the cash basis. Since accounting principles for purposes of developing data on a cash basis differ significantly from those used to present financial statements in conformity with generally accepted

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

accounting principles, a reconciliation of resultant basis differences in the excess of revenues (receipts) over expenditures (disbursements) for the year ended December 31, 1999 is presented below:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of receipts over disbursements and other uses (budgetary basis) - (See page 6)	\$21,738	\$45,388
Adjustments:		
Revenue receivables -		
Intergovernmental - commissions on fines, etc.	(980)	226
Other receivables	-	(3,019)
Due from IV-D fund	(12,857)	-
Expenditure payables -		
Salaries, related benefits and payroll taxes payable	(926)	-
Accounts payable	-	3,019
Due to General Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>12,587</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures (GAAP basis) - (See page 5)	<u>\$6,975</u>	<u>\$58,201</u>

7. Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting is not utilized due to the nature of operations and the ability of management to monitor budgeted expenditures on a timely basis.

8. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash includes amounts in interest and noninterest bearing demand deposits. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits. Under state law, the district attorney may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

9. Compensated Absences

The district attorney has the following vacation and sick leave policies:

Vacation Leave --

Full-time clerical employees earn ten days of vacation leave and one additional day for every two years of service up to a three week maximum. Vacation leave must be taken within the year it is earned or it is forfeited. Upon retirement, resignation or termination an employee is not paid for unused vacation leave which was earned during the year.

Sick Leave --

Full-time clerical employees earn ten days of sick leave per year which may accumulate. Female employees are also allowed six weeks of maternity leave. Upon retirement, resignation or termination an employee is not paid for accumulated and unused sick leave which was earned during the year.

There were no accumulated leave benefits required to be reported in accordance with GASB Codification Section C60.

10. Long-Term Obligations

There were no long-term obligations to be reported in the financial statements.

11. Fund Balance

The Fund Balance of the Special Revenue Fund titled, "Forfeiture Account," is reserved for amounts which will ultimately be paid to various governmental entities in accordance with state law. These funds are not appropriable for expenditure by the district attorney.

12. Total Columns on Combined Statements

Total columns on the combined statements are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation.

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NOTE B - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At December 31, 1999, the carrying amounts (book balances) of all cash and cash equivalents of the district attorney were as follows:

Interest bearing demand deposits	\$135,432
Time deposits	<u>65,188</u>
Total	<u>\$200,620</u>

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. At December 31, 1999, the district attorney had \$213,578 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits were secured from risk by \$165,188 of federal deposit insurance and \$48,390 of pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank (GASB Category 3).

Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Statement 3, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the assessor that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

NOTE C - CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

A summary of changes in general fixed assets (office furnishings and equipment) follows:

Balance, January 1, 1999	\$198,122
Additions	11,896
Deductions	<u>(11,183)</u>
Balance, December 31, 1999	<u>\$198,835</u>

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NOTE D - PENSION PLAN

Employees of the district attorney are covered under two retirement plans as follows:

I. Louisiana District Attorneys Retirement System

Plan Description -- The district attorney and assistant district attorneys are members of the Louisiana District Attorneys Retirement System (System), a multiple employer (cost-sharing), public employee retirement system controlled and administered by a separate board of trustees.

Assistant district attorneys who earn, as a minimum, the amount paid by the state for assistant district attorneys and are under the age of 60 at the time of original employment and all district attorneys are required to participate in the System. For members who joined the System before July 1, 1990, and who elected not to be covered by the new provisions, the following applies: Any member with 23 or more years of creditable service regardless of age may retire with a 3 percent benefit reduction for each year below age 55, provided that no reduction is applied if the member has 30 or more years of service. Any member with at least 18 years of creditable service may retire at age 55 with a 3 percent benefit reduction for each year below age 60. In addition, any member with at least 10 years of creditable service may retire at age 60 with a 3 percent benefit reduction for each year retiring below the age of 62. The retirement benefit is equal to 3 percent of the member's average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of their membership service, not to exceed 100 percent of their average final compensation.

For members who joined the System after July 1, 1990, or who elected to be covered by the new provisions the following applies: Members are eligible to receive normal retirement benefits if they are age 60 and have 10 years of service credit, are age 55 and have 24 years of service credit, or have 30 years of service credit regardless of age. The normal retirement benefit is equal to 3.5 percent of the member's final-average compensation multiplied by years of membership service. A member is eligible for early retirement if he is age 55 and has 18 years of service credit. The early retirement benefit is equal to the normal retirement benefit reduced 3 percent for each year the member retires in advance of normal retirement age. Benefits may not exceed 100 percent of average final compensation. The System also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established by state statute.

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Funding Policy -- Plan members are required by state statute to contribute 7.0 percent of their annual covered salary and the district attorney, as their employer, is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. For the year ended December 31, 1999, there was no employer contribution rate. Contributions to the System also include .2 percent of the ad valorem taxes collected throughout the state and revenue sharing funds as appropriated by the legislature. The contribution requirements of plan members and the district attorney are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 11:103, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior fiscal year.

The district attorney's (employer) contributions to the System for the years ended December 31, 1999, 1998 and 1997 were \$-0-, \$1,550 and \$3,410, respectively, and these amounts equaled to the required contributions for those years.

II. Parochial Employees Retirement System of Louisiana

Plan Description -- All other employees of the district attorney are members of the Parochial Employees Retirement System of Louisiana (PERS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined pension benefit plan administered by a separate board of trustees. PERS is composed of two distinct plans, Plan A and Plan B, with separate assets and benefit provisions. All employees of the district are members of Plan A.

All permanent employees working at least 28 hours per week who are paid wholly or in part from parish funds and all elected parish officials are eligible to participate in PERS. Under Plan A, employees who retire at or after age 60 with at least 10 years of creditable service, at or after age 55 with at least 25 years of credited service, or at any age with at least 30 years of credited service are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 3 percent of the member's final-average salary for each year of creditable service. However, for those employees who were members of the supplemental plan only, prior to January 1, 1980, the benefit is equal to one percent of the final-average salary plus \$24 for each year of supplemental plan

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NOTE D - PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

only service earned prior to January 1, 1980. Final-average salary is the employee's average salary over the 36 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average. Employees who terminate with at least the amount of creditable service stated above and do not withdraw their employee contributions may retire at the ages specified above and receive the benefit accrued to their date of termination. PERS also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established by state statute.

PERS issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for PERS. The report may be obtained by writing to the Parochial Employees' Retirement System, Post Office Box 14619, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898-4619, or by calling (504)928-1361.

Funding Policy -- Under Plan A, members of PERS are required to contribute 9.5% of their annual covered salary and the district is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The employer contribution rate for the year ended December 31, 1999 is 7.75% of annual covered payroll. Contributions to PERS also include one-fourth of one percent of the taxes shown to be collectible by the tax rolls of each parish, except Orleans and East Baton Rouge Parishes. These tax dollars are divided between Plan A and Plan B based proportionately on the salaries of the active members of each plan. The contribution requirements of plan members and the district are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 11:103, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior fiscal year.

The district attorney's (employer) contributions to PERS under Plan A for the year's ended December 31, 1999, 1998 and 1997 were \$23,446, \$20,722 and \$19,529, respectively, and these amounts equaled the required contributions for each year.

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NOTE E - LEASES

Operating Lease

The district attorney leases office space, under several separate operating leases as follows: (1) property located at 1107 1/2 Main Street, LaPlace, month-to-month lease, for the period January 1, 1997 to December 31, 2002, at \$400 per month; (2) property located at 217 West Fifth Street, LaPlace, month-to-month lease, January 1, 1999 to December 31, 2002, at \$1,600 per month; (3) property located at 494 West 5th Street, LaPlace, month to month, for the period July 1, 1997 to January 31, 1999, at \$1,250 per month, then continuing from February 1, 1999 until termination at \$1,500 per month; (4) copy machine on a month to month lease, beginning July 1, 1994, at \$80 per month; (5) two 1999 cars, each has a separate 24-month lease term, at \$300 per month, beginning February 1, 1999.

The minimum annual commitments under all noncancelable operating leases are as follows:

<u>Year Ended</u>	<u>Amount</u>
December 31, 2000	\$7,200
December 31, 2001	<u>600</u>
	<u>\$7,800</u>

NOTE F - EXPENDITURES OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY NOT INCLUDED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying financial statements do not include certain expenditures of the district attorney paid from the criminal court funds, the parish government, or directly by the state.

NOTE G - LITIGATION

The district attorney is not involved in any litigation at December 31, 1999, which could have a material effect on the financial statements.



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**NOTE H - FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

During 1998, the district attorney participated in the Title IV-D program administered by the State of Louisiana Department of Social Services, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 13.783. This program is funded by indirect assistance payments in the form of reimbursements of certain expenditures. The funds are received from the Louisiana Department of Social Services. For the year ended December 31, 1999, the district attorney received reimbursements on expenditures totaling \$215,163

The reimbursement payments are restricted by a formal agreement between the district attorney and the Department of Social Services and includes a budget of expected expenditures for each fiscal year ending June 30. The district attorney submits reimbursement requests to the Department of Social Services on a monthly basis. These reimbursement payments may be subjected to further review and audit by the federal grantor agency. No provision has been made in the financial statements for the reimbursement of any expenditures that may be disallowed as a result of a review or audit by the federal grantor agency.

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NOTE I - DEFICIT FUND BALANCE

The deficit fund balance at December 31, 1999 of \$7,885 in the Worthless Check Collection Fee Special Revenue Fund will be funded in the year 2000 by transfers in from the General Fund.

**COMBINING AND INDIVIDUAL FUND  
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 St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana  
 Balance Sheet - General Fund  
 December 31, 1999

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$101,530
Revenues receivable:	
Intergovernmental - commissions on fines, etc.	<u>10,276</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$111,806</u></b>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:	
Salaries, related benefits and payroll taxes payable	<u>\$26,412</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>26,412</u></b>
Fund Equity:	
Fund balance:	
Unreserved - undesignated	<u>85,394</u>
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>85,394</u></b>
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b><u>85,394</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$111,806</u></b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FORTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana

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in Fund Balances - Budget (Cash Basis) and Actual  
General Fund

For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

	<u>General Fund</u>		
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>Revenues</u>			
Commissions on fines & forfeitures	\$247,564	\$220,862	\$(26,702)
Intergovernmental revenues	236,676	264,726	28,050
Interest earnings	480	4,317	3,837
Reimbursements	60,000	93,096	33,096
Other	<u>-</u>	<u>2,524</u>	<u>2,524</u>
Total Revenues	<u>544,720</u>	<u>585,525</u>	<u>40,805</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>			
Salaries, related benefits and payroll taxes	429,064	393,822	35,242
Continuing education and travel	33,492	41,319	(7,827)
Office supplies and maintenance	10,500	6,855	3,645
Insurance	47,200	36,345	10,855
Professional dues and services	8,316	7,103	1,213
Capital outlay	8,004	12,188	(4,184)
Rent, utilities and telephone	36,996	43,370	(6,374)
Other	<u>-</u>	<u>22,785</u>	<u>(22,785)</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>573,572</u>	<u>563,787</u>	<u>9,785</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	(28,852)	21,738	50,590
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	<u>64,392</u>	<u>73,105</u>	<u>8,713</u>
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u>\$35,540</u>	<u>\$94,843</u>	<u>\$59,303</u>

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**DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FORTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
 St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana  
 Combining Balance Sheet - Special Revenue Funds  
 December 31, 1999

	Title <u>IV-D</u>	Worthless Check Collection <u>Fee</u>	School <u>Board</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash	\$39,666	-	\$38
Revenues receivable:			
Intergovernmental -			
Grant - Louisiana Department	18,859	-	-
of Social Services	-	-	<u>13,610</u>
Other receivables	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$58,525</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$13,648</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u>			
Liabilities:			
Cash deficit	-	\$7,885	-
Accounts payable	-	-	<u>\$13,610</u>
Total Liabilities	-	<u>7,885</u>	<u>13,610</u>
Fund Equity:			
Fund balance (deficit):			
Reserved	-	-	-
Unreserved - undesignated	<u>58,525</u>	<u>(7,885)</u>	<u>38</u>
Total Fund Balance (For the	<u>58,525</u>	<u>(7,885)</u>	<u>38</u>
deficit balance see Note I)			
Total Fund Equity	<u>58,525</u>	<u>(7,885)</u>	<u>38</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND	<u>\$58,525</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$13,648</u>
FUND EQUITY			

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**DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FORTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
 St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana  
 Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
 in Fund Balances - Special Revenue Funds  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

	<u>Title IV-D</u>	<u>Worthless Check Collection Fee</u>
<u>Revenues</u>		
Collection fees on worthless checks	-	\$28,341
Collection of forfeitures	-	-
Intergovernmental revenues:		
Grant - Louisiana Department of Social Services	\$215,509	-
St. John Parish School Board Pre-Trial Diversion Program	-	-
Interest earnings	-	-
Other	-	-
	<u>215,509</u>	<u>28,341</u>
Total Revenues		
	<u>215,509</u>	<u>28,341</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Salaries, related benefits and payroll taxes	156,588	19,407
Continuing education and travel	865	-
Office supplies and maintenance	4,057	2,027
Capital outlay	843	-
Rent, utilities and telephone	21,173	-
Payments of forfeitures	-	-
Other	-	<u>5,681</u>
	<u>183,525</u>	<u>27,115</u>
Total Expenditures		
	<u>183,525</u>	<u>27,115</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	31,984	1,226
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	<u>26,541</u>	<u>(9,111)</u>
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u>\$58,525</u>	<u>\$(7,885)</u>

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<u>School Board</u>	<u>Special Pay</u>	<u>Forfeiture Account</u>	<u>Total (Memorandum Only)</u>
-	-	-	\$28,341
-	-	\$147,988	147,988
-	-	-	215,509
\$111,489	-	-	111,489
-	\$30,384	-	30,384
-	-	-	-
-	<u>22,577</u>	-	<u>22,577</u>
<u>111,489</u>	<u>52,961</u>	<u>147,988</u>	<u>556,288</u>
111,489	58,130	-	345,614
-	-	-	865
-	-	-	6,084
-	-	-	843
-	-	-	21,173
-	-	115,182	115,182
-	<u>2,646</u>	-	<u>8,327</u>
<u>111,489</u>	<u>60,776</u>	<u>115,182</u>	<u>498,087</u>
-	(7,815)	32,806	58,201
<u>38</u>	<u>24,217</u>	<u>18,063</u>	<u>59,748</u>
\$ <u>38</u>	\$ <u>16,402</u>	\$ <u>50,869</u>	\$ <u>117,949</u>



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 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
 in Fund Balances - Budget (Cash Basis) and Actual  
 Title IV-D  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>Revenues</u>			
Intergovernmental revenue:			
Grant - Louisiana Department of Social Services	\$ <u>173,333</u>	\$ <u>215,283</u>	\$ <u>41,950</u>
Total Revenues	<u>173,333</u>	<u>215,283</u>	<u>41,950</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>			
Salaries, related benefits and payroll taxes	146,000	170,017	(24,017)
Continuing education and travel	3,000	865	2,135
Office supplies and maintenance	10,000	4,057	5,943
Rent, utilities and telephone	<u>21,000</u>	<u>21,173</u>	<u>(173)</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>180,000</u>	<u>196,112</u>	<u>16,112</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	(6,667)	19,171	25,838
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	<u>16,550</u>	<u>20,495</u>	<u>3,945</u>
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u>\$9,883</u>	<u>\$39,666</u>	<u>\$29,783</u>

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**DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FORTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
 St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana  
 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
 in Fund Balances - Budget (Cash Basis) and Actual  
 Worthless Check Collection Fee  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>Revenues</u>			
Collection fees on worthless checks	\$28,000	\$28,341	\$341
Total Revenues	<u>28,000</u>	<u>28,341</u>	<u>341</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>			
Salaries, related benefits and payroll taxes	21,288	19,407	1,881
Office supplies and maintenance	1,900	2,027	(127)
Other	<u>4,850</u>	<u>5,681</u>	<u>(831)</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>28,038</u>	<u>27,115</u>	<u>923</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	(38)	1,226	1,264
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	<u>271</u>	<u>(9,111)</u>	<u>(8,840)</u>
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u>\$309</u>	<u>\$(7,885)</u>	<u>\$(7,576)</u>

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**DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FORTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
 St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana  
 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
 in Fund Balances - Budget (Cash Basis) and Actual  
 School Board  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
<u>Revenues</u>			
Intergovernmental revenue:			
St. John the Baptist Parish			
School Board	\$122,904	\$114,039	\$(8,865)
Other	<u>960</u>	<u>469</u>	<u>(491)</u>
Total Revenues	<u>123,864</u>	<u>114,508</u>	<u>(9,356)</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>			
Salaries, related benefits and			
payroll taxes	122,904	114,039	8,865
Other	<u>960</u>	<u>469</u>	<u>491</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>123,864</u>	<u>114,508</u>	<u>\$9,356</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of			
Revenues over Expenditures	-	-	-
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	<u>38</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u>\$38</u>	<u>\$38</u>	<u>-</u>

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**DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FORTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
 St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana  
 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
 in Fund Balances - Budget (Cash Basis) and Actual  
 Special Pay  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>Revenues</u>			
Intergovernmental revenue:			
Pre-trial Diversion Program	\$30,008	\$32,961	\$2,953
Total Revenues	<u>30,008</u>	<u>32,961</u>	<u>2,953</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>			
Salaries, related benefits and payroll taxes	28,800	38,320	(9,520)
Other	<u>7,200</u>	<u>2,457</u>	<u>4,743</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>36,000</u>	<u>40,777</u>	<u>(4,777)</u>
(Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	(5,992)	(7,816)	(1,824)
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	<u>16,290</u>	<u>24,217</u>	<u>7,927</u>
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u>\$10,298</u>	<u>\$16,402</u>	<u>\$6,104</u>

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**DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FORTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
 St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana  
 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
 in Fund Balances - Budget (Cash Basis) and Actual  
 Forfeiture Account  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Revenues</u>			
Collection of forfeitures	\$ <u>146,085</u>	\$ <u>147,989</u>	\$ <u>1,904</u>
Total Revenues	<u>146,085</u>	<u>147,989</u>	<u>1,904</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>			
Payments of forfeitures	126,566	114,888	11,678
Office supplies and maintenance	<u>600</u>	<u>294</u>	<u>306</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>127,166</u>	<u>115,182</u>	<u>11,984</u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	18,919	32,807	13,888
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	<u>12,703</u>	<u>18,063</u>	<u>5,360</u>
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ <u>31,622</u>	\$ <u>50,870</u>	\$ <u>19,248</u>

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULES**

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FORTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana  
Supplemental Information Schedules  
Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings  
For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

Contact Person:

John M. Crum, Jr.

District Attorney of the Fortieth Judicial District  
St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana

Reference No.: 1

Fiscal Year Finding Initially Occurred: Has existed from inception.

Finding Described: The size of the district attorney's operations and its limited staff preclude an adequate segregation of duties and other features of an adequate system of internal accounting control.

Corrective Action and Additional Explanation: Management is aware of this inadequacy in the internal control structure, however, it feels that to employ such controls would not be cost beneficial. No action will need to be taken.

Anticipated Completion Date: Not applicable.

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FORTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana  
Supplemental Information Schedules  
Corrective Action Plan for Current Year Audit Findings  
For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

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**OTHER REPORTS REQUIRED**  
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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER  
FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Honorable John M. Crum, Jr.

District Attorney of the Fortieth Judicial District  
A Component Unit of the St. John the Baptist Parish Council  
St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana

I have audited the general purpose financial statements of the District Attorney of the Fortieth Judicial District as of and for the year ended December 31, 1999, and have issued my report thereon dated June 8, 2000. I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As a part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the St. John the Baptist Parish Assessor's general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations and contracts, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of the financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered the District Attorney of the Fortieth Judicial District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal

control over financial reporting. However, I noted a matter involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operations that I consider to be reportable condition. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to my attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in my judgement, could adversely affect the district attorney's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the general purpose financial statements. I noted that, as a material weakness, the size of the district attorney's operations and its limited staff preclude an adequate segregation of duties and other features of an adequate system of internal accounting control. Management is aware of this inadequacy in the internal control structure, however, it feels that to employ such controls would not be cost beneficial.

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, I considered the reportable condition described above to be a material weakness.

This report is intended solely for the use of management and the State of Louisiana Legislative Auditor and should not be used for any other purpose. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report which, upon acceptance by the State of Louisiana Legislative Auditor, is a matter of public record.



Keith J. Rovira  
Certified Public Accountant

June 8, 2000