

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AND  
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

**FLORIDA COURTS E-FILING AUTHORITY  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors  
Florida Courts E-Filing Authority  
Tallahassee, Florida

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the Florida Courts E-Filing Authority (the Authority), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Authority's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**  
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**Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of the Authority, as of June 30, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, thereof, for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Prior Period Financial Statements**

Other auditors have previously audited the Authority's June 30, 2017, financial statements, and their report was dated October 31, 2017, which expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements.

**Other Matters**

*Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3 through 5 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 7, 2019, on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

  
January 7, 2019  
Tallahassee, Florida

**FLORIDA COURTS E-FILING AUTHORITY  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018**

As management of the Florida Courts E-Filing Authority (the Authority), we offer users of the Authority's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Authority for the year ended June 30, 2018.

**OVERVIEW OF THE AUTHORITY**

The Authority is an independent special district created pursuant to an Interlocal Agreement, dated September 3, 2010, between the various Clerks of Circuit Courts of the State of Florida and the Clerk of the Florida Supreme Court, as the designee of the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court, in accordance with provisions of Chapter 163, *Florida Statutes*.

The Florida Courts E-Filing Authority contracted with the Florida Association of Court Clerks (the Association) to design, develop, implement, operate, upgrade, support and maintain a uniform statewide electronic portal for the filing of court records. The portal provides attorneys and pro se litigants with a common entry point for filing and transmitting court records electronically. In addition, the portal provides these same persons, and other authorized persons, the ability to view court records electronically. The features of the portal include the following:

- A single state-wide log-in.
- A single internet access point to court records by authorized users.
- Transmission to and from the appropriate courts.
- The ability to provide electronic service of notification receipt of electronic filing and confirmation of filing in the appropriate court file.
- Open standards-based integration ability with existing statewide information systems and county e-filing applications.
- Compliance with the Electronic Court Filing Standard 4.0, *the Global Justice Extensible Markup Language and Oasis Legal Markup Language*. The Florida Courts E-Filing Authority works in close coordination with the Florida Courts Technology Commission to ensure that the state-wide portal is developed in accordance with court system standards and rules.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- As of June 30, 2018, assets of the Authority exceed its liabilities by \$2.4 million.
- The Authority realized an increase in service fee revenue during 2017-18 of 10% or \$590,000. Service fee revenue has grown as Portal filings have grown. In 2017-18, filings with an associated fee increased by more than 100,000 transactions from the prior year to over 1 million fee related transactions. The overall number of filings increased by more than 739,000 to a total of more than 15.5 million. The current fee schedule is 3.5% for credit cards and \$5 for ACH Transactions.
- Operating expenses increased \$1.1 million or 24% when compared to the prior fiscal year. \$854,000 of the increase resulted as the Authority began fully reimbursing the Association for its expenses incurred in operating the Portal. In previous years, the Association was only reimbursed for a percentage of its operating costs, which was based on the number of filings over 5 million. Additionally, as filing fees have increased, the Authority's merchant fees increased by \$321,000.

**FLORIDA COURTS E-FILING AUTHORITY  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018  
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**REQUIRED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Authority follows financial reporting requirements for enterprise funds, which use the accrual basis of accounting. This reporting follows accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The accrual basis of accounting is used whereby revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

The *Statements of Net Position* includes all of the Authority's assets and liabilities, and provides information about the nature and amounts of investments in resources (assets) and the obligations to Authority creditors (liabilities). Additionally, it also provides the basis for assessing the liquidity and the financial flexibility of the Authority.

Over time, changes in the Authority's net position can serve as a useful indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. To fully assess the financial health of any entity, the user must also consider other non-financial factors such as changes in economic conditions, customer growth, and legislative mandates.

All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the *Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position*. This statement measures the success of the Authority's operations over the reporting period and can be used to determine whether the Authority has successfully recovered all its costs through user fees and other charges.

The other required statement is the *Statements of Cash Flows*. The primary purpose of this statement is to provide information about the Authority's cash receipts and cash payments during the reporting period. This statement reports cash receipts, cash payments, and net changes in cash resulting from operations, investing, and financing activities. Answers to questions regarding the sources of cash, the use of cash and changes in cash balances during the reporting period may be found in this report. The *Notes to the Financial Statements* provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements.

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**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE AUTHORITY AS A WHOLE**

The *Statements of Net Position* and the *Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position* report information about the Authority's activities in a way that will reflect whether the Authority is improving or deteriorating as a result of the year's activities. The two statements report the net position of the Authority and the changes in them.

Net position is the difference between assets (what is owned) and liabilities (what is owed).

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018  
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**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE AUTHORITY AS A WHOLE (Concluded)**

A comparison of the Authority's assets, liabilities, and net position is as follows:

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b>Assets</b>			
Non-capital Assets	\$ 3,416,943	\$ 2,248,124	\$ 1,168,819
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current Liabilities Non-capital Assets	<u>1,054,289</u>	<u>628,070</u>	<u>426,219</u>
<b>Net Position</b>			
Unrestricted	<u>\$ 2,362,654</u>	<u>\$ 1,620,054</u>	<u>\$ 742,600</u>

As of June 30, 2018, the vast majority of the Authority's assets were comprised of \$2.7 million in cash and \$657,000 in accounts receivable. The Accounts receivable balance is the June 2018 statutory fees due from the Association. Liabilities represent accrued expenses and accounts payable at year-end. This balance is made up of May and June operating expenses due to the Association. The Authority did not have any long-term obligations with creditors.

For the year ended June 30, 2018, the Authority's total revenues exceeded its total expenses by \$742,600 as seen below. Any large variances from prior year were addressed in the financial highlights of this report.

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b>Revenues</b>			
Service Fees	\$ 6,580,188	\$ 5,990,470	\$ 589,718
Batch Filing Fees	9,650	9,550	100
Public Records Request	105	169	(64)
Interest	<u>22,446</u>	<u>4,777</u>	<u>17,669</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>6,612,389</u>	<u>6,004,966</u>	<u>607,423</u>
<b>(Operating Expenses)</b>	<u>(5,869,789)</u>	<u>(4,725,563)</u>	<u>(1,144,226)</u>
<b>Changes in Net Positions</b>	<u>742,600</u>	<u>1,279,403</u>	<u>(536,803)</u>
<b>Net Position at Beginning of Period</b>	<u>1,620,054</u>	<u>340,651</u>	<u>1,279,403</u>
<b>Net Position at End of Period</b>	<u>\$ 2,362,654</u>	<u>\$ 1,620,054</u>	<u>\$ 742,600</u>

**CURRENT ECONOMICS FACTORS AND ASSESSMENT OF GROWTH**

Florida Supreme Court Opinion 11-399 required that attorney's e-file documents in criminal cases and civil cases filed in probate, family, circuit and county civil. The Florida Courts-Filing Authority expects continued growth and is considering adding more non-attorney users to the e-filing system.

**CONTACTING THE AUTHORITY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

The financial report is designed to provide information on the Florida Courts E-Filing Authority's operating results. Questions concerning any of the information provided in the report, or requests for additional information, should be addressed to the Florida Courts E-Filing Authority, P.O. Box 180519, Tallahassee, Florida 32318.

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION**  
**JUNE 30, 2018 AND 2017**  
**FLORIDA COURTS E-FILING AUTHORITY**  
**TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA**

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$ 2,754,494	\$ 1,661,069
Accounts Receivable	657,424	581,283
Prepaid Insurance	5,025	5,772
	<u>3,416,943</u>	<u>2,248,124</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	<u>1,054,289</u>	<u>628,070</u>
<b>Net Position</b>		
Unrestricted	<u>\$ 2,362,654</u>	<u>\$ 1,620,054</u>

See accompany notes.

**STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES,  
AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION  
FOR THE YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 2018 AND 2017  
FLORIDA COURTS E-FILING AUTHORITY  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA**

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Operating Revenues</b>		
Service Fees	\$ 6,580,188	\$ 5,990,470
<b>Expenses</b>		
Audit Services	-	30,000
Accounting and Bank Services	254,483	290,656
Bank Fees	66,390	64,569
Contract Services	2,908,701	2,018,392
Insurance	6,311	5,566
Legal	36,972	40,216
Merchant Fees	2,596,932	2,276,164
<b>(Total Operating Expenses)</b>	<u>(5,869,789)</u>	<u>(4,725,563)</u>
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<u>710,399</u>	<u>1,264,907</u>
<b>Nonoperating Revenues</b>		
Batch Filing Fees	9,650	9,550
Public Records Request	105	169
Interest Income	22,446	4,777
<b>Total Nonoperating Revenues</b>	<u>32,201</u>	<u>14,496</u>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	742,600	1,279,403
<b>Net Position, Beginning of Year</b>	<u>1,620,054</u>	<u>340,651</u>
<b>Net Position, End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 2,362,654</u>	<u>\$ 1,620,054</u>

See accompanying notes.

**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2018 AND 2017**  
**FLORIDA COURTS E-FILING AUTHORITY**  
**TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA**

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
Cash Received from Service Fees	\$ 6,504,047	\$ 5,812,041
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(5,442,823)	(4,837,641)
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	1,061,224	974,400
<b>Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities</b>		
Other Nonoperating Revenues	9,755	9,719
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>		
Interest on Deposits	22,446	4,777
<b>Net Increase in Cash</b>	1,093,425	988,896
<b>Cash, Beginning of Year</b>	1,661,069	672,173
<b>Cash, End of Year</b>	\$ 2,754,494	\$ 1,661,069
<b><u>Reconciliation of Net Income to Net Cash</u></b>		
<b><u>Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities:</u></b>		
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 710,399	\$ 1,264,907
Adjustments to Reconcile (Decrease) in Net Positions to Net Cash		
Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities:		
Change in Assets and Liabilities:		
Accounts Receivable	(76,141)	(178,429)
Prepaid Expenses	747	(813)
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	426,219	(111,265)
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	\$ 1,061,224	\$ 974,400

See accompanying notes.

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FLORIDA COURTS E-FILING AUTHORITY  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA**

**Note 1 - Organization**

**Nature of Activities**

The Florida Courts E-Filing Authority (the Authority) is an independent special district created pursuant to an Interlocal Agreement, dated September 3, 2010, between the various Clerks of Circuit Courts of the State of Florida and the Clerk of the Florida Supreme Court, as the designee of the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court in accordance with provisions of Chapter 163, *Florida Statutes*.

The Authority was created for the purpose of developing and implementing a single uniform access point for statewide electronic filing of Florida's county, circuit, and appellate courts records in accordance with Rule 2.525, *Florida Rules of Judicial Administration*.

The Authority is subject to all applicable Florida Statutes, Supreme Court Rules, and Administrative Orders that govern the individual clerks of court (county and appellate) in the performance of their record-keeping functions, as well as all Rules of Court relating to public records and all applicable laws and county ordinances relating to procurements by the clerks of the circuit court in their capacity as clerk of court.

**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Reporting Entity**

The Authority began operations on September 23, 2010, and is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of the Chairperson of the Authority, seven Clerks of the Circuit Courts of Florida, and the Clerk of the Florida Supreme Court as the designee of the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court.

The Authority entered into an agreement for the design, development, implementation, operation, upgrading, support, and maintenance of a Statewide E-Filing Court Records Portal with the Florida Association of Court Clerks, Inc. (the Association). The Association, through its wholly owned subsidiary, the FACC Services Group, LLC, is responsible for running the Authority's day to day operations.

In evaluating how to define the Authority for financial reporting purposes, management has considered the criteria set forth in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units* and GASB Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity*. These statements provide guidance to determine whether an affiliated organization is considered a component unit of a financial reporting entity.

A component unit is a legally separate organization for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. Determining factors of financial accountability include appointment of a voting majority, imposition of will, financial benefit, or burden on a primary government or fiscal dependency.

Additionally, component units can be other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with a primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading and incomplete.

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FLORIDA COURTS E-FILING AUTHORITY**  
**TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA**  
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**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**Reporting Entity (Concluded)**

Based on the application of these criteria, the Authority has determined that there are no additional governmental departments, agencies, institutions, commissions, public authorities, or other governmental organizations operating within the jurisdiction of the Authority that would be required to be included in the Authority's financial statements. In addition, since the Board of Directors has financial accountability and control over all activities relating to Authority operations, the Authority is not included in any other governmental "reporting entity" as defined by GASB Statement No. 39 and GASB Statement No. 61.

**Accounting Method**

The Authority's financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The Authority operates as a special-purpose government entity engaged in business-type activities. Business-type activities are those that are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods and services. Accordingly, these financial statements have been presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local government through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations).

**Revenue and Expense Recognition**

*Operating Revenues and Expenses* – Operating revenues generally result from providing electronic filing of court documents in the State of Florida. Operating revenues consist of statutory filing fees. Statutory filing fees are recognized as revenue once the transaction is completed. Operating expenses consist of expenses incurred relating to the operation and maintenance of the Authority's system, including administrative expenses.

*Nonoperating Revenue and Expenses* – Nonoperating revenues consist of interest earned on deposits held with financial institutions and contributions received from other entities. Both are recognized as revenue in the period earned. Nonoperating expenses generally are related to financing, investing, or other ancillary activities. When an expense is incurred for the purposes for which there are both restricted and unrestricted net position available, it is the Authority's policy to apply those expenses to restricted net position to the extent such are available and then to unrestricted net position.

**Budget Process**

Pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement, the Authority's Board of Directors is required to adopt a budget. The Authority adopted its final budget relating to the year ended June 30, 2018, on June 13, 2017.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The Authority considers all deposits and financial instruments with a maturity of three months or less to be cash and cash equivalents. All bank accounts of the Authority are placed in banks that qualify as a public depository, as required by the *Florida Security for Public Deposits Act*; Chapter 280, *Florida Statutes*. Deposits whose values exceed the limits of Federal Depository Insurance are entirely insured or collateralized pursuant to Chapter 280.04, *Florida Statutes*.

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**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Concluded)**

**Accounts Receivable**

Accounts receivable consists of amounts due from the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal for service fees. The Authority considers all accounts to be collectible and, consequently, has not established a provision for uncollectible accounts.

**Net Position**

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. The Authority is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net position as follows:

- **Net Investment in Capital Assets**—Consists of net capital assets reduced by outstanding balances of any related debt obligations attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. At the present time there are no such restrictions.
- **Restricted**—Net position is considered restricted if their use is constrained to a particular purpose. Restrictions are imposed by external organizations such as federal or state laws. At the present time, there are no such restrictions.
- **Unrestricted**—Consists of all other net assets that do not meet the definition of the above two components and are available for general use by the Authority.

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Subsequent Events**

Subsequent events were evaluated through January 7, 2019, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. As of this date, no material subsequent events were noted.

**Note 3 - Contributed E-Filing and Services**

The Florida Courts E-Filing Authority contracted with the Florida Association of Court Clerks and Comptrollers (the Association) for the design, development, implementation, operation, upgrading, support, and maintenance, of a Statewide E-Filing Court Records Portal (the Portal).

The Association incurred a cost of \$1,477,971 to design, develop, and test the Portal. On September 23, 2010, in accordance with an agreement reached with the Florida Legislature and the Florida Supreme Court, the Association contributed the Portal to the Authority. The Authority will hold all rights, title, and interest to the Portal until dissolution of the Authority, at which time ownership would transfer to the office of the Florida State Courts Administrator.

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**Note 3 - Contributed E-Filing and Services *(Concluded)***

Prior to July 1, 2017, the Association contributed services for operating costs beyond what is reimbursed by the Authority. For the year ended 2017, the contributed services totaled \$571,690. Effective July 1, 2017, the Association is now fully reimbursed by the Authority for its costs related to the operation and maintenance of the Portal.

The Association was paid \$3,229,574 and \$2,373,617 by the Authority for the operation and maintenance of the Portal and for the accounting and banking services provided by the Association related to the Portal for the years ending June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

**Note 4 - Concentrations**

The Authority derives substantially all of its revenue from statutory filing fees related to electronic filing. A reduction, or change, in statutory filing requirements or fees could have an adverse effect on the Authority.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER  
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS  
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

Board of Directors  
Florida Courts E-Filing Authority  
Tallahassee, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the business-type activities of Florida Courts E-Filing Authority (the Authority) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which comprise the Authority's financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 7, 2019.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Authority's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control.

*A deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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(Concluded)**

**Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Authority's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

**Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the organization's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Purvis, Gray and Company, LLP*

January 7, 2019  
Tallahassee, Florida