

SECTION 5 FUND

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, CADDO PARISH

DECEMBER 31, 2021

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FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)

Our discussion and analysis of the financial performance of Section 5 Fund for the First Judicial District Court provides an overview of the Fund's financial activities for the period December 31, 2021. Please read it in conjunction with the Fund's financial statements, which begin on Page 4.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities (on Pages 4 and 5) provide information about the activities of the Fund as a whole. Fund financial statements start on Page 6. For governmental activities, these statements tell how these services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the Fund's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the Fund's most significant funds. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the Section 5 Fund.

Reporting the Funds Maintained by the District Court Section 5 Fund as a Whole

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

Our analysis of the funds maintained by the Section 5 Fund as a whole begins on Page 4. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information about the funds maintained by the Fund as a whole and about its activities. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting.

These two statements report the Fund's *net position* and changes in net position. The Fund's net position - the difference between assets and liabilities - is one way to measure the Fund's financial health, or *financial position*. Over time, *increases or decreases* in the Fund's net position are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating.

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, we record the activities in the funds maintained by the District Court Section 5 Fund as governmental activities.

Governmental activities - expenses related to, and resources provided for, administering the First District Court.

Reporting the Most Significant Funds Maintained by the District Court Section 5 Fund

Our analysis of the major funds maintained by the Fund begins on Page 6. The fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds maintained by the Fund - not necessarily the Fund as a whole. The funds of the District Court Section 5 Fund use the following accounting approaches.

Governmental fund - All of the Fund's expenses are reported in a governmental fund, which focuses on how money flows into and out of this fund and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. This fund is reported using an accounting method called *modified accrual basis*. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed *short-term view* of the Fund's operations and the expenses paid from the fund. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance certain Fund expenses. There are no differences between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and the governmental fund financial statements.

THE FUNDS MAINTAINED BY THE DISTRICT COURT SECTION 5 FUND AS A WHOLE

The Section 5 Fund's total net assets comprise the cash deposits used to create the Fund on December 30, 2022.

Table 1
Net Position

	<u>Government-Wide Activities</u> <u>2021</u>
Current assets	130,283
Net position:	
Unreserved and undesignated	<u>130,283</u>

Table 2
Changes in Net Position

	<u>Government-Wide Activities</u> <u>2021</u>
Revenues	
Fees	<u>130,283</u>
Total revenues	130,283
Increase (decrease) in net position	<u>130,283</u>

For the funds maintained by the Section 5 Fund, total revenues were \$130,283.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT COURT SECTION 5 FUND'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our readers with a general overview of the finances for those funds maintained by the Section 5 Fund and to show the Fund's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, please contact the First Judicial District Court Section 5 Fund of the First Judicial District Court, Caddo Parish, 501 Texas Street, Room G12, Shreveport, Louisiana, 71101.

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



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Honorable Ramona Emanuel, Chief Judge
District Court Section 5 Fund for the First Judicial District Court
Caddo Parish, Louisiana

Independent Auditor's Report

Report on the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the District Court Section 5 Fund of the First Judicial District ("the Fund") as of and for period ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Fund's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the District Court Section 5 Fund for the First Judicial District as of December 31, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position for the period then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards (Government Auditing Standards)*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District Court Section 5 Fund for the First Judicial District Court and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District Court Section 5 Fund for the First Judicial District Court's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 District Court Section 5 Fund for the First Judicial District Court's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District Court Section 5 Fund for the First Judicial District Court's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on Pages i through ii and budgetary comparison information on Pages 12 and 13 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information on page 14 and 15 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information on page 14 and 15 is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 9, 2022, on our consideration of District Court Section 5 Fund for the First Judicial District Court'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 solely 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 the effectiveness of the District Court Section 5 Fund for the First Judicial District Court's 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 District Court Section 5 Fund for the First Judicial District Court's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Heard, McElroy & Vestal, LLC

Shreveport, Louisiana
November 9, 2022

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FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2021

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Receivables	<u>130,283</u>
Total assets	<u>130,283</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION</u>	
Net position:	
Unrestricted	<u>130,283</u>
Total net position	<u>130,283</u>
Total liabilities and net position	<u>130,283</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE TWO-DAY PERIOD DECEMBER 30, 2021 (INCEPTION) TO DECEMBER 31, 2021

<u>Program revenue:</u>	
Civil fees	<u>130,283</u>
Total program revenue	<u>130,283</u>
<u>Net revenue</u>	130,283
<u>Change in net position</u>	130,283
<u>Net position-beginning of period</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Net position-end of period</u>	<u><u>130,283</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET-GOVERNMENTAL FUND

DECEMBER 31, 2021

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>General Fund</u>
Receivables-Note 3	<u>130,283</u>
Total assets	<u>130,283</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</u>	
<u>Fund balance:</u>	
Spendable-unassigned	<u>130,283</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>130,283</u>
Total fund equity for the governmental fund	<u>130,283</u>
Total net position of the governmental activities	<u>130,283</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE-GOVERNMENTAL FUND

FOR THE TWO-DAY PERIOD DECEMBER 30, 2021 (INCEPTION) TO DECEMBER 31, 2021

	<u>General Fund</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>	
Civil fees	<u>130,283</u>
Total revenues	130,283
<u>Excess of revenues over expenditures</u>	130,283
<u>Fund balance at beginning of period</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Fund balance at end of period</u>	<u><u>130,283</u></u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>130,283</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u><u>130,283</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2021

Introduction

The Section 5 Fund for the First Judicial District Court was established on December 30, 2021, by Louisiana Revised Statutes 13:996.16-18 for the purpose of administering drug screening to inmates. Operations of the District Court Section 5 Fund for the First Judicial District Court are funded by court costs on drug charges and court costs that are not exempted from court costs.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements of the Section 5 Fund have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and reporting principles. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements-and Management's Discussion and Analysis-for State and Local Governments*, issued in June 1999.

The financial statements include:

- A Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section providing an analysis of the Fund's overall financial position and results of operations.
- Governmental-Wide Financial statements.
- Fund Financial Statements

The Section 5 Fund's basic financial statements include both Government-Wide (reporting the Fund as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the Fund's major funds). Both the Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business type. The Section 5 Fund's functions and programs have been classified as governmental activities. The Fund does not have any business-type activities, fiduciary funds, or any component units that are fiduciary in nature. Accordingly, the Government-Wide financial statements do not include any of these activities or funds.

In the Government-Wide Statement of Net Position, the governmental type activities are reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

The Government-Wide Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of the Fund's functions and significant programs. The Statement of Activities begins by presenting gross direct and indirect expenses and then reduces the expenses by related program revenues, such as operating and capital grants and contributions, to derive the net cost of each function or program. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function or program to be used to directly offset its cost.

The Government-Wide Statements focus upon the District Court Section 5 Fund's ability to sustain operations and the change in its net position resulting from the current period's activities.

The financial transactions of the Section 5 Fund are reported in individual funds in the Fund Financial Statements. The General Fund is the entity's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Fund, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. It is the only fund on the Section 5 Fund's financial statements and therefore, the only major fund.

Reporting Entity

The First Judicial District Court Section 5 Fund ("Fund") is the basic level of government, which has financial accountability and control over all activities related to providing administrative functions to the district court or the offices of the individual judges of the court. The Fund is not included in any other governmental "reporting entity" as defined by GASB pronouncements, since the Judges of the First Judicial District are elected by the public and have decision making authority, the power to designate management, the ability to significantly influence operations and have primary financial accountability for fiscal matters. In addition, there are no component units as defined in Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 14, which are included in the District's reporting entity.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting:

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Government fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in both the government-wide and fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Governments also have the option of following subsequent private-sector guidance for their business-type activities and enterprise funds, subject to this same limitation. The District Court Section 5 Fund has elected not to follow subsequent private-sector guidance because it does not have any business-type activities or enterprise funds.

B. Budget

The District Court Section 5 Fund has not adopted a budget. The budget will be adopted and amended, as necessary, by the district judges. All appropriations contained in the budget lapse at year end, and encumbrance accounting is not used by the Fund.

C. Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, and money market accounts. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits. Under state law, the District Court Section 5 Fund 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. The fund may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates. These are classified as investments if their maturities at purchase exceed 90 days; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents.

E. Fund Equity in Fund Financial Statements

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Beginning in 2011, the Fund implemented GASB Statement 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. This statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government's fund balance more transparent. The District Court Section 5 Fund's unassigned fund balance is the entity's only fund equity type. This classification is the residual fund balance for the District Court Section 5 Fund. It also represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the District Court Section 5 Fund.

F. Net Position

The content and certain titles of the government-wide financial statements were changed upon the adoption by the Fund in 2012 of GASB Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*. This statement provides reporting guidance for deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources, and adds them, when applicable, as elements of the financial statements, because they are distinct from assets and liabilities. In addition, because these additional elements may affect the residual amount of all of the elements presented in a statement of financial position, GASB 63 renames that measure as net position rather than net assets. The Fund had no deferred outflows or inflows of resources at December 31, 2021.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Accordingly, the statement of net position presents information on all of the Fund's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Fund is improving or deteriorating.

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

At December 31, 2021, the District Court Section 5 Fund had cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$130,283 in the Caddo Parish Commission cash and investment pool.

Cash and cash equivalents are stated at cost, which approximates fair value. Under state law, these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or pledge of qualifying securities owned by the bank. The fair value of the qualifying pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal or exceed the amount on deposit with the bank. At December 31, 2021, deposit balances (bank balances) are fully secured by federal deposit insurance and qualified pledged securities. Information on the aggregate deposits of the Caddo Parish Commission and how they are secured is available in the financial statements of the Caddo Parish Commission.

3. Receivables

The following is a summary of receivables at December 31, 2021:

<u>Class of Receivables</u>	
Court cost and fines	<u>130,283</u>
Total receivables	<u>130,283</u>

4. Expenditures of the Judicial District Not Included in the Accompanying Financial Statements

The accompanying financial statements do not include certain salary expenditures for the district court paid out of the funds of the Caddo Parish Commission or directly by the state.

5. Litigation

There is no litigation pending against the District Court Section 5 Fund at December 31, 2021.

6. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through November 9, 2022, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued, and the following significant subsequent event was noted.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE-GENERAL FUND

FOR THE TWO-DAY PERIOD DECEMBER 30, 2021 (INCEPTION) TO DECEMBER 31, 2021
(Unaudited)

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Revenues:</u>			
Court cost and fines	<u>-</u>	<u>130,283</u>	130,283
Total revenues	-	130,283	130,283
<u>Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures</u>	-	130,283	130,283
<u>Fund balance-beginning of period</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Fund balance-end of period</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>130,283</u>	<u>130,283</u>

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NOTES TO BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

FOR THE TWO-DAY PERIOD DECEMBER 30, 2021 (INCEPTION) TO DECEMBER 31, 2021
(Unaudited)

1. Budget

Refer to Note 1 of the government-wide financial statements for details regarding the budget process.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD
FOR THE TWO-DAY PERIOD DECEMBER 30, 2021 (INCEPTION) TO DECEMBER 31, 2021

Roy L. Brun, Judicial Administrator

Salary-Expense Fund \$-0-

David McClatchey, Judicial Administrator

Salary and benefits-other sources (unaudited) \$-0-

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JUSTICE SYSTEM FUNDING – RECEIVING SCHEDULE

AS REQUIRED BY ACT 87 OF THE 2020 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

FOR THE TWO-DAY PERIOD DECEMBER 30, 2021 (INCEPTION) TO DECEMBER 31, 2021

	<u>January 2021 - June 2021</u>	<u>July 2021 - December 2021</u>
Receipts From:		
Caddo Parish Sheriff, Criminal Court Costs and Fees	<u>-</u>	<u>130,283</u>
Subtotal Receipts	<u>-</u>	<u>130,283</u>
Ending Balance of Amounts Assessed but Not Received	<u>-</u>	<u>130,283</u>

OTHER REPORTS REQUIRED BY
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS



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Honorable Ramona Emanuel, Chief Judge
First Judicial District Court Section 5 Fund
Caddo Parish, Louisiana

**Independent Auditor's 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***

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 governmental activities and major fund of Section 5 Fund for the First Judicial District Court as of and for the period ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 9, 2022.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Section 5 Fund for the First Judicial District Court's (the "Fund") internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, we identified certain a deficiency in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be a material weakness.

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. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned cost as item 2021-01 to be a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Fund'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.

Management's Response to Findings

The Fund's response to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2021-01. The Fund's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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 entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Heard, McElroy & Vestal, LLC

Shreveport, Louisiana
November 9, 2022

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FOR THE TWO-DAY PERIOD DECEMBER 30, 2021 (INCEPTION) TO DECEMBER 31, 2021

We have audited the component unit financial statements of the Section 5 Fund for the First Judicial District Court as of and for the period ended December 31, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated November 9, 2022. We conducted our audit 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. Our audit of the financial statements as of December 31, 2021, resulted in an unmodified opinion.

Section I - Summary of Auditor's Reports

1. The auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on the basic financial statements of the First Judicial District Court - District Court Section 5 Fund.
2. One material weakness is reported for the period ended December 31, 2021.
3. Federal awards - single audit, not applicable.
4. One instance of noncompliance was disclosed during the audit.

Section II - Financial Statement Findings

2021 - 01

Condition and Criteria: As is common in small operations, management has chosen to engage the auditor to prepare the audited financial statements. Consistent with this decision, internal controls over the preparation of audited financial statements, complete with note disclosures in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, have not been established nor does management have the ability to perform these functions in-house. This condition, even though intentional, represents a material weakness in internal control under current generally accepted auditing standards, and results from management's need to balance the entity's financial complexity with the appropriate level of accounting expertise. It is not cost-effective for the entity to prepare its financial statements in-house.

Effect and Recommendation: Although generally accepted auditing standards require preparation of financial statements with note disclosures by the audited entity, prudent management dictates that the potential benefit from an internal control must exceed its cost. In this case, both management and the auditor do not believe that curing the control deficiency is cost effective, and do not believe that any corrective action is required.