

Report on the

Family Court Fund

Shelby County, Alabama

September 1, 2015 through May 31, 2019

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Dear Madam:

Under the authority of the *Code of Alabama 1975*, Section 41-5A-19, as added by Act Number 2018-129, I submit this report on the results of the examination of the Family Court Fund, Shelby County, Alabama, for the period September 1, 2015 through May 31, 2019.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
the 11th day of September, 2019.

Kelly D. Maubrews
Notary Public

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Q. Huynh
Examiner of Public Accounts

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SUMMARY

**Family Court Fund
Shelby County, Alabama
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The Family Court Fund, Shelby County, Alabama, (herein referred to as the “Family Court Fund”) was established under the authority of Act Number 2003-201, Acts of Alabama, to assist in the administration and resolution of domestic relations or family court cases in Shelby County. The Presiding Circuit Court Judge created the Shelby County Family Court Mediation Fund Commission as provided in Section 6 of the aforementioned law. The Family Court Fund receipts, disburses and otherwise accounts for court costs collected on domestic relations cases.

Honorable Hewitt L. Conwill served as Presiding Circuit Judge through January 14, 2019. Honorable William H. Bostick, III, served as Presiding Circuit Judge from January 15, 2019, through the end of the examination period.

This report presents the results of an examination of the Family Court Fund and a review of compliance by the Family Court Fund with applicable laws and regulations of the State of Alabama in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts under the authority of the *Code of Alabama 1975*, Section 41-5A-12, as added by Act Number 2018-129.

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

The Officials and Commission members, as reflected on Exhibit 2, were invited to discuss the results of this report at an exit conference. Individuals in attendance were: William H. Bostick, III, Presiding Circuit Judge, and Shelby County Family Court Mediation Fund Commission Members: Corey Moore and Mary Harris. Representing the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts was: Kim Huynh, Accounts Examiner.

Financial Information

Schedule of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balance
September 1, 2015 through May 31, 2019

Receipts

Court Fees	\$ 131,145.19
Interest	723.38
Total Receipts	<u>131,868.57</u>

Disbursements

Mediation Fees	6,750.00
Testimony Recording Fees	27,750.00
Personnel	34,541.67
Miscellaneous	398.28
Total Disbursements	<u>69,439.95</u>

Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements 62,428.62

Balance - September 1, 2015 112,341.51

Balance - May 31, 2019 \$ 174,770.13

Additional Information

***Members of the Shelby County Family
Court Mediation Fund Commission
September 1, 2015 through May 31, 2019***

Commission Members	Title
Hon. Hewitt Conwill, Presiding Circuit Judge (*)	Chairman
Hon. William H. Bostick, III, Presiding Circuit Judge	Chairman
Hon. Corey B. Moore, Circuit Judge	Member
Jarred Welborn, President Shelby County Bar Association 2018	Member
Patrick E. Kennedy, President Shelby County Bar Association 2017	Member
Theresa Terrebonne, President Shelby County Bar Association 2016	Member
Grant Howard, President Shelby County Bar Association 2015	Member
Hon. Mary H. Harris, Circuit Clerk	Member
John Medaris, Member Shelby County Bar	Member

(*) Honorable Hewitt Conwill retired January 2019