

Report on the

**Presiding Circuit Judge's
Judicial Administration Fund
Fifteenth Judicial Circuit**

Montgomery County, Alabama

March 1, 2017 through April 30, 2021

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Dear Madam:

An examination was conducted on the Presiding Circuit Judge's Judicial Administration Fund, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Montgomery County, Alabama, for the period March 1, 2017 through April 30, 2021. Under the authority of the *Code of Alabama 1975*, Section 41-5A-19, I hereby swear to and submit this report to you on the results of the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

Billy E. Jones
Examiner of Public Accounts

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SUMMARY

**Presiding Circuit Judge's Judicial Administration Fund
Fifteenth Judicial Circuit
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The Presiding Circuit Judge's Judicial Administration Fund, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Montgomery County, Alabama, was established by the *Code of Alabama 1975*, Section 12-19-310. The Presiding Circuit Judge's Judicial Administration Fund receives fees collected in the circuit, district, and municipal courts of Montgomery County. The proceeds are to be expended for support of local court operations and to promote the efficient administration of justice. The Presiding Circuit Judge has supervision over the fund and must authorize any money expended.

Honorable Johnny Hardwick served as Presiding Circuit Judge during the examination period.

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

Exhibit 1 contains information on the receipts, disbursements, and cash balance of the Presiding Circuit Judge's Judicial Administration Fund.

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

EXIT CONFERENCE

The Official was invited to and attended an exit conference to discuss the contents of this report. Representing the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts was Billy Jones, Examiner.

Financial Information

Summary of Receipts, Disbursements and Cash Balance
March 1, 2017 through April 30, 2021

Receipts

Court Fees	\$ 660,405.23
Total Receipts	<u>660,405.23</u>

Disbursements

Salaries and Benefits	473,063.69
Conference and Travel Expenses	59,804.34
Office Expense	134,658.33
Membership Dues	<u>11,107.06</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>678,633.42</u>

Excess of Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements (18,228.19)

Balance - March 1, 2017 420,641.10

Balance - April 30, 2021 \$ 402,412.91