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Director Hector Collazo Jr.
Inspector General/Chief Audit Executive
Division of Inspector General
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Pinellas County
510 Bay Avenue,
Clearwater, FL 33756

Dear Mr. Collazo:

Contained within this correspondence are the results of our Peer Review of the Clerk of the Circuit Court Division of the Inspector General. We conducted our review at your offices at 510 Bay Avenue, Clearwater, FL from November 7-9, 2011. The Peer Review Team (Team) conducted an independent, quality assessment review of the operations of your Audit Section and the Public Integrity Unit (investigations).

Our review team utilized the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing of the Institute of Internal Auditors (the "Red-Book") for your audit staff with a review period of November 2010 to November 2011. As identified within the "red-book" standards, we limited our review to the last twelve months of auditing operations. For the Public Integrity Unit, we evaluated investigative work performed during the period of June 2009 through November 2011 against the standards of the Association of Inspectors General Quality Standards for Investigations - Principles and Standards for Office of Inspectors General (the "Green-Book"). We based the time period for the review of the Public Integrity Unit on the date your office implemented the aforementioned standards for investigations.

Our review uncovered no reportable instances of failure to meet these standards. Thus, it is the unanimous conclusion of the Team that your audit work met and in several examples exceeded the "red-book" standards. It is also the opinion of the team that your investigative work met the intent of the

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"green book" standards and therefore both operations are in compliance with the applicable standards. During our review we made a number of observations that do not in any way qualify, limit, or affect our opinion, which we presented orally to your management.

On behalf of the Review Team (listed below) and the Association of Inspectors General, I want to personally thank you for the trust that you and your staff demonstrated at all times leading up to and during our review. All of our interactions with your staff were marked by the respect and cooperation that is the hallmark of a professional staff truly interested in a full and open review of their work.

Peer Review Team

The Team consisted of the following individuals:

1. Executive Director Thomas Caulfield, Training Institute for the Council of the Inspectors General for Integrity and Efficiency
2. Senior Auditor Wayne Good, Office of Inspector General, District of Columbia, Washington, DC
3. Senior Special Agent, Office of Inspector General, District of Columbia, Washington, DC

Once again, on behalf of the Team that I was privileged to represent, I want to personally thank you for the confidence you placed in asking the Association for this review. Please feel free to contact me or any member of the Peer Review Team if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Thomas Caulfield