

# JUVENILE & DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT

## Court Services

### Description

The Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court exercises original jurisdiction over cases involving persons less than 18 years of age and all members of their families regardless of age. This court also holds jurisdiction over other cases involving adults related by blood or marriage to persons under the age of 18, including spousal abuse, custody, visitation, and support. The Juvenile Court differs from other courts in their commitment to rehabilitate those who come before the court, in addition to protecting the public and holding juvenile offenders accountable for their behavior.

The Judges of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court are elected by the General Assembly for a term of six years. The Judges, Clerk, and Deputy Clerks are paid directly by the Commonwealth. The County provides space, furniture, and support for the court. Currently, five full-time judges preside over the Henrico County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.

### Objectives

- To continue making enhancements to the customer service area of the Clerk's office to

provide more efficient service delivery to the public.

- To evaluate and implement innovative technology available for the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.
- To continue to provide training opportunities to staff to improve services to the public.
- To ensure the efficient and effective operation of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court for the citizens of Henrico County.

### Budget Highlights

The FY2018-19 budget for the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court is \$201,025. These funds support the operational needs of the five judges and their staff, whose salaries are funded by the State. This submission reflects no change from FY2017-18.

### Annual Fiscal Plan

Description	FY17 Actual	FY18 Original	FY19 Approved	Change 18 to 19
Personnel	\$ 21,605	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
Operation	106,791	197,275	197,275	0.0%
Capital	23,735	3,750	3,750	0.0%
Total	<u>\$ 152,131</u>	<u>\$ 201,025</u>	<u>\$ 201,025</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Personnel Complement*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

\*Full-time personnel expenses are paid by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

*Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court (cont'd)*

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	<b>Performance Measures</b>			<b>Change</b>
	<b>FY17</b>	<b>FY18</b>	<b>FY19</b>	<b>18 to 19</b>
<b>Workload Measures</b>				
Cases filed in Juvenile Court	18,151	18,105	18,000	(105)
Court Hearings	48,135	48,536	48,336	(200)
<b>Efficiency Measures</b>				
Caseload per Judge*	3,630	3,621	3,600	(21)

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\*Note: These estimates are prepared by State Supreme Court Personnel.

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