



Staunton General District Court

Presented by Stacey Sullivan, Deputy Clerk

Cochran Judicial Center



113 East Beverley St.
(Downtown Staunton, next to the Old Dixie Theatre)



General District Court Clerk's Office

- ▶ Clerk of the Court: Amanda Knighting
 - ▶ Hours: 8:30AM-4:30PM
 - ▶ Location: 113 E. Beverley St.
 - ▶ 2 Full Time & 1 Part Time Deputy Clerks
- ▶ Process paperwork for:
 - ▶ Staunton Police Department
 - ▶ Virginia State Police
 - ▶ Game & Inland Fisheries
 - ▶ Staunton City Sheriff's Office
 - ▶ Staunton Fire Department's Fire Marshall



Judges

- ▶ Judge Gordon Saunders
 - ▶ Chief Judge
- ▶ Judge Rupen Shah
 - ▶ Regular Judge Wednesdays
- ▶ Substitute Judges
 - ▶ Retired Judges
 - ▶ Attorneys

Courtroom





Clerk/Deputy Clerk Position

- ▶ Responsibilities
 - ▶ Enter Paperwork
 - ▶ Maintain Case Files
 - ▶ Assist in Courtroom
 - ▶ Court Financial Records
 - ▶ Take Payments
 - ▶ Payment Arrangements
 - ▶ Payment Plans
 - ▶ Payment Extensions
 - ▶ Answer Phone Calls
- ▶ We are not Legal Assistants, Lawyers, or have Legal training and cannot provide legal advice.



Criminal & Traffic Cases

- ▶ Magistrate
 - ▶ Officer obtained
 - ▶ Citizen obtained
- ▶ Warrant Types
 - ▶ Misdemeanor
 - ▶ Felony
- ▶ Criminal Summons
- ▶ Criminal Proceedings
 - ▶ Advisement (charges that areailable)
 - ▶ Hearing/Trial
- ▶ 2017: 4,856
- ▶ 2018: 4,951 (as of 10/23/18)

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Criminal & Traffic Cases

- ▶ Traffic Cases
 - ▶ Speeding, Traffic Tickets, Accidents, etc.
- ▶ Types of Summons
 - ▶ Handwritten
 - ▶ E-Summons
- ▶ Pre-payable (www.courts.state.va.us)
 - ▶ Fine (on pre-payable form given by officer)
 - ▶ \$66 Court Processing Fee
 - ▶ 4% Fee to use a credit/debit card by online, by phone, or in person
 - ▶ No fees for Cash, Check or Money Order

TRAFFIC/CRIMINAL SUMMONS

296090 VIRGINIA UNIFORM SUMMONS
STAUNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR IN THE (CITY OF) ~~CHARLOTTESVILLE~~ STAUNTON

CASE NO. _____ **HEARING DATE AND TIME** _____

NAME LAST FIRST MIDDLE
RES. ADDRESS _____ **RES. JURIS.** _____
CITY/TOWN _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

RACE _____ **SEX** _____ **DOB** MO DAY YR. **HT.** FT. **IN.** **WEIGHT** _____ **EYES** _____ **HAIR** _____
DL/CDL # (IF CRIMINAL RECORD OR NO LICENSE, USE SSN) _____ **STATE** _____
CDL HOLDER ☐ YES ☐ NO **MAKE** _____ **LICENSE NO.** _____ **YEAR** _____ **STATE** _____

ON _____ **AT** _____ **A.M.** **P.M.**
FOR VIOLATION OF ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ CITY ☐ TOWN
LAW SECTION _____ **DESCRIBE CHARGE:** _____

COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE ☐ YES ☐ NO **VCC:** _____
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ☐ YES ☐ NO
RESULTED IN FATALITY ☐ YES ☐ NO
HIGHWAY SAFETY CORRIDOR ☐ YES ☐ NO

I PROMISE TO APPEAR AT THE TIME AND PLACE SHOWN ABOVE. THIS SUMMONS IS NOT AN ADMISSION OF GUILT. I CERTIFY THAT CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS IS AS SHOWN BELOW

SIGNATURE _____ **ARREST DATE** _____ **ARREST LOCATION** _____
YOU MUST APPEAR AT TRIAL (JUVENILES MUST APPEAR WITH PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN).
☐ **YOU MAY AVOID COMING TO COURT ONLY IF THIS CHECK IS CHECKED AND ALL INSTRUCTIONS ON DEFENDANT'S**

ONLY CALL 332-3879 3306 IF MORE HELP IS NEEDED.
MAILING ADDRESS: _____ **P.O. BOX/STREET** _____ **CITY/TOWN** _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

I IMPOSE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE:
☐ FINE ☐ CIVIL PENALTY OF \$ _____ WITH \$ _____ SUSPENDED.
☐ DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENDED EFFECTIVE IN THIRTY (30) DAYS IF FINE/FOURTY-FIVE (45) DAYS IF CIVIL PENALTY/RESTITUTION NOT PAID IN THIRTY (30) DAYS.
☐ JAIL SENTENCE OF _____ WITH _____ SUSPENDED, CONDITIONED UPON BEING OF GOOD BEHAVIOR AND KEEPING THE PEACE.
☐ ON PROBATION FOR _____
☐ DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENDED _____
CONSECUTIVE SUSPENSION UNDER §46.2-301 ☐ YES ☐ NO
☐ RESTITUTION OF _____ PAYABLE TO _____
BY _____ AS CONDITION OF SUSPENDED SENTENCE.
☐ OTHER _____

DATE _____ **JUDGE** _____

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PRE-PAYMENT FORM

VIRGINIA PREPAYABLE OFFENSES INFORMATION SHEET

You have been given a summons accusing you of violating state or local traffic laws. If you wish to plead guilty, waive your right to trial and pay the applicable prepayable fine(s) and fee(s) prior to trial (thereby avoiding having to appear in court), you must do all of the following:

1. Read the NOTICE on the back side of your summons.
2. Read the description of your alleged violation, which follows "Describe charge:" on your summons.
3. Examine the "Brief Description(s)" portion of the Table on the right side of this form for description(s) that matches or very closely matches the description(s) on your summons.
4. a. If your violation is described in the Table, **calculate the total fine(s) and fees** by adding all applicable fines, inserting the total in the total fines blank and then adding the applicable fees to determine the total prepayment due. You must also follow all the instructions on the summons in PRETRIAL WAIVER AND PREPAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS.
- b. If your violation is not described in the Table, call the telephone number listed on your summons and follow all of the instructions on the summons in PRETRIAL WAIVER AND PREPAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS.
5. **YOU MAY NOT PREPAY** if the charge is for reckless driving.
6. If you prepay more than one violation arising out of the same incident, add only one \$ 51.00 processing fee plus any other fees shown at the bottom right side of the form.
7. To provide for timely delivery by mail, payment should be mailed at least 7 days before your court date. Prepayment is effective only on receipt by the court, not on the date that you mail it. An additional fee will be added if payment is received after the court date. **Make checks payable to the District Court.**
8. General district courts accept credit or debit card payments via the Internet. Online payments are accepted until 3:30 p.m. (eastern time) on the last business day before your court date. **Go to: www.courts.state.va.us. If you pay by credit or debit card, you will be charged a 4% convenience fee.**

The Uniform Fine Schedule does not restrict the fine a judge may impose for an offense listed here or in the Uniform Fine Schedule in Rule 3B-2 in any case for which there is a court hearing.

If you were involved in an accident and desire to plead NOT GUILTY and have your case heard on the date set, please notify the court by checking the not guilty box below and returning this form to the court within 7 calendar days from the date the summons was issued. If this notice is not received by the court and the officer needs witnesses for the trial, the case may have to be continued from the original court date. You are still required to appear on the original court date whether you send this form or not unless you have received official notice from the court that the case has been continued to a future date or unless you decide to plead guilty and prepay the offense. Failure to appear may result in your being tried in your absence.

☐ I was involved in an accident and want to plead NOT GUILTY.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

TRIAL DATE

NAME OF ATTORNEY, IF RETAINED

DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER

SUMMONS NUMBER

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FINES FOR CERTAIN PREPAYABLE VIOLATIONS

Brief Description	Fine
☐ Child restraint/safety belt violation (under 18 years; first offense — pay fine only)	\$ 50.00
☐ Failure to use seat belt (pay fine only)	25.00
☐ Disabled parking violation	150.00
☐ Driving wrong way on one-way street	30.00
☐ Earphones while driving	25.00
☐ Equipment violation (each charge)	30.00
☐ Expired rejection sticker	50.00
☐ Failure to dim headlights while moving	30.00
☐ Failure to display license plates	25.00
☐ Failure to drive on right side of highway	100.00
☐ Failure to give proper signal	30.00
☐ Failure to have vehicle inspected	30.00
☐ Failure to correct defects	50.00
☐ Failure to obey highway sign	30.00
☐ Failure to obey traffic lights	100.00
☐ Evasion of a traffic control device	50.00
☐ Failure to obtain registration	25.00
☐ Failure to secure load	30.00
☐ Failure to yield right of way	30.00
☐ Following too closely	30.00
☐ Illegal radar detector	40.00
☐ Impeding flow of traffic	30.00
☐ Improper lane change	100.00
☐ Improper passing	30.00
☐ Improper U-turn	30.00
☐ Stop sign	30.00
☐ Speeding (except as provided below)	6.00 per MPH over speed limit
☐ Speeding in highway work zone § 46.2-878.1, or school crossing zone § 46.2-873	7.00 per MPH over speed limit
☐ Speeding in enhanced residence zone, § 46.2-878.2	200.00 plus 8.00 per MPH over speed limit
☐ Highway Safety Corridor moving violation (double the prepayable fine) § 46.2-947	

Personal checks and credit or debit cards accepted. See reverse.	\$ 51.00	TOTAL FINES
	\$ 15.00	PLUS PROCESSING FEE
		LOCAL FEES (per charge)
		TOTAL PREPAYMENT
		Payable in U.S. Dollars only

***SEND PAYMENT TO:

STAUNTON GENERAL DISTRICT COURT
113 E. BEVERLEY ST.
STAUNTON, VA 24401-4390
540-332-3878

PRE-PAYMENT FORM

CREDIT/DEBIT CARD PAYMENT: COMPLETE THIS FORM AND MAIL TO COURT LISTED ON FRONT OF THIS FORM

TYPE OF CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS ACCEPTED BY THE COURT: **MASTERCARD/VISA**
(IF THE LINE ABOVE IS BLANK, PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT)

General district courts accept credit or debit card payments via the Internet. Go to: www.courts.state.va.us

CREDIT/DEBIT CARD AUTHORIZATION

The offender elects to pay his/her fines and costs using the following credit or debit card:

Type of credit/debit card: _____

Name as appears on card: _____

Credit/debit card number: _____ Exp. date (mm/yy) _____

Total Amount*: _____ Trial Date: _____

*** You will also be charged a 4% convenience fee.**

The offender and cardholder understand that in order for this payment to be accepted, the cardholder must possess the valid credit or debit card recorded above. The offender and cardholder have accurately recorded the correct card number and understand that:

1.
 - The provision of incomplete or inaccurate data by the offender and cardholder, or the failure to sign in the space below, may result in delays in processing.
 - If an error has been made in calculating the amount of fines and costs, the clerk will correct the error and charge the appropriate amount to the credit or debit card.
2. If delays occur, and if the offender does not appear on the court date or pay the fines and costs prior to the court date, the court will proceed to try the offender in his or her absence and, upon conviction the judge may impose a fine that is different from the amounts shown on the front of this form. Also, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 16.1-69.48:1, an additional penalty will be assessed.
3. Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 46.2-395, the court shall proceed to suspend the offender's driver's license/driving privilege until said fines and costs are paid in full.
4. If the credit or debit card charge is not honored, a penalty will be charged.

SIGNATURE OF OFFENDER _____

DATE _____

PRINTED NAME OF OFFENDER, AS SHOWN ON TRAFFIC SUMMONS _____

SIGNATURE OF CARDHOLDER (IF CARDHOLDER IS NOT OFFENDER) _____

DATE _____

Daytime Phone No. of offender: _____

Please attach your copy of the Uniform Traffic Summons to this form.



Civil Cases

- ▶ Types of Cases:
 - ▶ Warrant in Debt
 - ▶ To take someone to court for money
 - ▶ Warrant in Detinue
 - ▶ To take someone to court for property
 - ▶ Unlawful Detainer
 - ▶ To remove someone from a property
 - ▶ Must provide, at minimum, a 5 day notice that has already been served & passed.
- ▶ Cost:
 - ▶ \$56 one person/\$68 two people (\$12 extra for each additional person)
- ▶ 2017: 1,554
- ▶ 2018: 1,255 (as of 10/23/18)

Warrant in Debt

WARRANT IN DEBT (CIVIL CLAIM FOR MONEY)

Commonwealth of Virginia VA CODE § 16.1-79

CITY OR COUNTY General District Court

STREET ADDRESS OF COURT

TO ANY AUTHORIZED OFFICER: You are hereby commanded to summon the Defendant(s).

TO THE DEFENDANT(S): You are summoned to appear before this Court at the above address on

RETURN DATE AND TIME to answer the Plaintiff(s)' civil claim (see below)

DATE ISSUED

☐ CLERK ☐ DEPUTY CLERK ☐ MAGISTRATE

CLAIM: Plaintiff(s) claim that Defendant(s) owe Plaintiff(s) a debt in the sum of

\$ net of any credits, with interest at % from date of until paid,

\$ costs and \$ attorney's fees with the basis of this claim being

☐ Open Account ☐ Contract ☐ Note ☐ Other (EXPLAIN)

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION WAIVED? ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ cannot be demanded

DATE

☐ PLAINTIFF ☐ PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY ☐ PLAINTIFF'S EMPLOYEE/AGENT

CASE DISPOSITION

JUDGMENT against ☐ named Defendant(s) ☐

for \$ net of any credits, with interest at % from date

of until paid, \$ costs and \$ attorney's fees

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION WAIVED? ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ CANNOT BE DEMANDED

☐ JUDGMENT FOR ☐ NAMED DEFENDANT(S) ☐

☐ NON-SUIT ☐ DISMISSED

Defendant(s) Present? ☐ YES
☐ NO

DATE

JUDGE

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CASE NO.

PLAINTIFF(S) (LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE INITIAL)

V.

DEFENDANT(S) (LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE INITIAL)

HEARING DATE
AND TIME

WARRANT IN DEBT

TO DEFENDANT: You are not required to appear; however, if you fail to appear, judgment may be entered against you. See the additional notice on the reverse about requesting a change of trial location.

☐ To dispute this claim, you must appear on the return date to try this case.

☐ To dispute this claim, you must appear on the return date for the judge to set another date for trial.

Bill of Particulars

ORDERED

DUE

Grounds of Defense

ORDERED

DUE

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF(S)

ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT(S)

JUDGMENT PAID OR
SATISFIED
PURSUANT TO
ATTACHED NOTICE
OF
SATISFACTION.

DATE

CLERK

DISABILITY
ACCOMMODATIONS
for loss of hearing,
vision, mobility, etc.,
contact the court ahead
of time.

Warrant in Detinue

WARRANT IN DETINUE (CIVIL CLAIM FOR SPECIFIC PERSONAL PROPERTY) Commonwealth of Virginia Va. Code §§ 16.1-79, 8.01-114, 8.01-121

CITY OR COUNTY General District Court

STREET OF ADDRESS OF COURT

TO ANY AUTHORIZED OFFICER: You are hereby commanded to summon the defendant(s).
TO THE DEFENDANT(S): You are summoned to appear before this Court at the above address on

..... to answer the Plaintiff(s)' civil claim (see below)

RETURN DATE AND TIME

DATE ISSUED		☐ CLERK ☐ DEPUTY CLERK ☐ MAGISTRATE	
CLAIM: Plaintiff(s) claim the item(s) below to be unjustly withheld from Plaintiff's possession by Defendant(s).			
ITEM	ALTERNATE VALUE	ITEM	ALTERNATE VALUE
1.		5.	
2.		6.	
3.		7.	
4.		8.	
\$ TOTAL ALTERNATE VALUE 0.00	\$ COSTS	INTEREST AT THE RATE OF %	\$ AMOUNT CLAIMED AS ATTY'S FEES
		\$ DAMAGES CLAIMED DUE TO UNJUST DETENTION	

Plaintiffs seek possession of the items listed above, or their alternative values, damages resulting from the unjust detention of the items by Defendant(s), attorney's fee as indicated and interest as indicated. The alternate values given are based upon ☐ actual value [or] ☐ amount due on written contract of sale for which the items were offered as security.

THE BASIS OF CLAIM IS: ☐ WRITTEN CONTRACT OF SALE ☐ OTHER (EXPLAIN)

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION WAIVED? ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ cannot be demanded

DATE ☐ PLAINTIFF ☐ PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY ☐ PLAINTIFF'S EMPLOYEE/AGENT

☐ JUDGMENT that Plaintiff(s) recover against ☐ named Defendant(s) ☐ possession of each item listed above, or its alternate value as shown above, at the election of ☐ Plaintiff(s) [or] ☐ Defendant(s), (if made within days, then at election of Plaintiff(s)), with the exception of the following item nos.

(\$ Total Alternate Value Recoverable); \$ damages with interest: \$ costs and \$ attorney's fee.

Homestead exemption waived? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Cannot be demanded

☐ Judgment for ☐ Named defendant(s) ☐

☐ Non-suit ☐ Dismissed

Defendant(s) present? ☐ YES ☐ NO

DATE JUDGE

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CASE NO.

PLAINTIFF(S) (LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE INITIAL)

V.

DEFENDANT(S) (LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE INITIAL)

HEARING DATE AND TIME

WARRANT IN DETINUE

RECEIPT NO.

DATE FEE RECEIVED

TO DEFENDANT: You are not required to appear; however, if you fail to appear, judgment may be entered against you. See the additional notice on the reverse about requesting a change of trial location.

☐ To dispute this claim, you must appear on the return date to try this case.

☐ To dispute this claim, you must appear on the return date for the judge to set another date for trial.

Bill of Particulars

ORDERED

DUE

Grounds of Defense

ORDERED

DUE

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF(S)

ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT(S)

JUDGMENT PAID OR SATISFIED PURSUANT TO ATTACHED NOTICE OF SATISFACTION.

DATE

CLERK

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS for loss of hearing, vision, mobility, etc., contact the court ahead of time.

Unlawful Detainer

SUMMONS FOR UNLAWFUL DETAINER (CIVIL CLAIM FOR EVICTION)		VA. CODE § 8.01-126 Commonwealth of Virginia
CITY OR COUNTY		General District Court
STREET ADDRESS OF COURT		
TO ANY AUTHORIZED OFFICER: Summon the Defendant(s) as provided below: TO THE DEFENDANT(S): You are commanded to appear before this Court on		to answer this civil claim.
RETURN DATE AND TIME		
DATE ISSUED		☐ CLERK ☐ DEPUTY CLERK ☐ MAGISTRATE
CLAIM AND AFFIDAVIT: That Defendant(s) unlawfully detains and withholds from Plaintiff(s):		
ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION OF DETAINED PROPERTY		
and that the Defendant should be removed from possession based on the following: ☐ unpaid rent ☐ and further that rent is due and owing and damages have been incurred as follows: \$ RENT rent due for PERIOD and \$ late fee and \$ damages for with interest RATE(S) AND BEGINNING DATE(S) and \$ costs and \$ civil recovery and \$ attorney's fees. ☐ Plaintiff requests judgment for all amounts due as of the date of the hearing. ☐ This summons is filed to terminate a tenancy pursuant to the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act, § 55-248.2 <i>et seq.</i> of the Code of Virginia. All required notices have been given.		
☐ PLAINTIFF(S) ☐ PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY ☐ PLAINTIFF'S AGENT		
Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of , 20		
My commission expires: NOTARY REGISTRATION NO. ☐ CLERK ☐ DEPUTY CLERK ☐ MAGISTRATE ☐ NOTARY PUBLIC		
☐ City ☐ County of		
CASE DISPOSITION		
☐ JUDGMENT that Plaintiff(s) recover against ☐ named DEFENDANT(S).		
☐ possession of the premises described above pursuant to § 8.01-128.		
☐ A hearing shall be held on DATE AND TIME to establish final rent and damages.		
☐ Immediate writ of possession		
☐ ordered pursuant to Va. Code § 8.01-129 upon request of Plaintiff.		
☐ granted pursuant to Va. Code § 55-243(C) or § 55-248.34-1(C).		
DEFENDANT(S) PRESENT? ☐ YES ☐ NO		
DATE JUDGE		
☐ Rent, in the sum of \$ and \$ late fee and \$ damages with interest RATE(S) AND BEGINNING DATE(S) and \$ costs and \$ civil recovery and \$ attorney's fees. HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION WAIVED? ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ CANNOT BE DEMANDED ☐ JUDGMENT FOR ☐ NAMED DEFENDANT(S) ☐ ☐ NON-SUIT ☐ DISMISSED DEFENDANT(S) PRESENT? ☐ YES ☐ NO		
DATE JUDGE		
FORM DC-421 FRONT 07/18		

CASE NO.	HEARING DATE AND TIME
PLAINTIFF(S) NAME(S) (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)	
TELEPHONE NUMBER	
V.	
DEFENDANT(S) NAME(S) (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)	
TELEPHONE NUMBER	
TO DEFENDANT: You are not required to appear; however, if you fail to appear, judgment may be entered against you. See the additional notice on the reverse about requesting a change of trial location and your right to prevent this unlawful detainer action through payment of amounts owed.	
☐ To dispute this case, you <u>MUST</u> appear on the return date to try this case	
☐ To dispute this case, you <u>MAY</u> appear on the return date for the judge to set another date for trial.	
If you fail to appear and a default judgment is entered against you, a writ of possession may be issued immediately for possession of the premises.	
Bill of Particulars ordered	DUE DATE
Grounds of Defense ordered	DUE DATE
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF(S)	
TELEPHONE NUMBER	
ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT(S)	
TELEPHONE NUMBER	
DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS for loss of vision, hearing, mobility, etc. Contact the court ahead of time.	

MONEY JUDGMENT PAID OR SATISFIED PURSUANT TO ATTACHED NOTICE OF SATISFACTION
DATE
CLERK



Protective Order

- ▶ Types:
 - ▶ Emergency: 72hours
 - ▶ Issued by Magistrate
 - ▶ Preliminary: 14 days
 - ▶ Issued by the Courts
 - ▶ Can be extended by the Judge
 - ▶ Order of Protection
 - ▶ Issued by the Court



Mental Health Commitments

- ▶ Western State Hospital
 - ▶ Commonwealth of Virginia Mental Health Hospital
 - ▶ Patient committed there by way of:
 - ▶ Voluntarily
 - ▶ Temporary Detention Order (TDO)
 - ▶ Confidential paperwork
 - ▶ Can only be accessed by court order
 - ▶ 2017: 2,026
 - ▶ 2018: 1,655 (as of 10/23/18)
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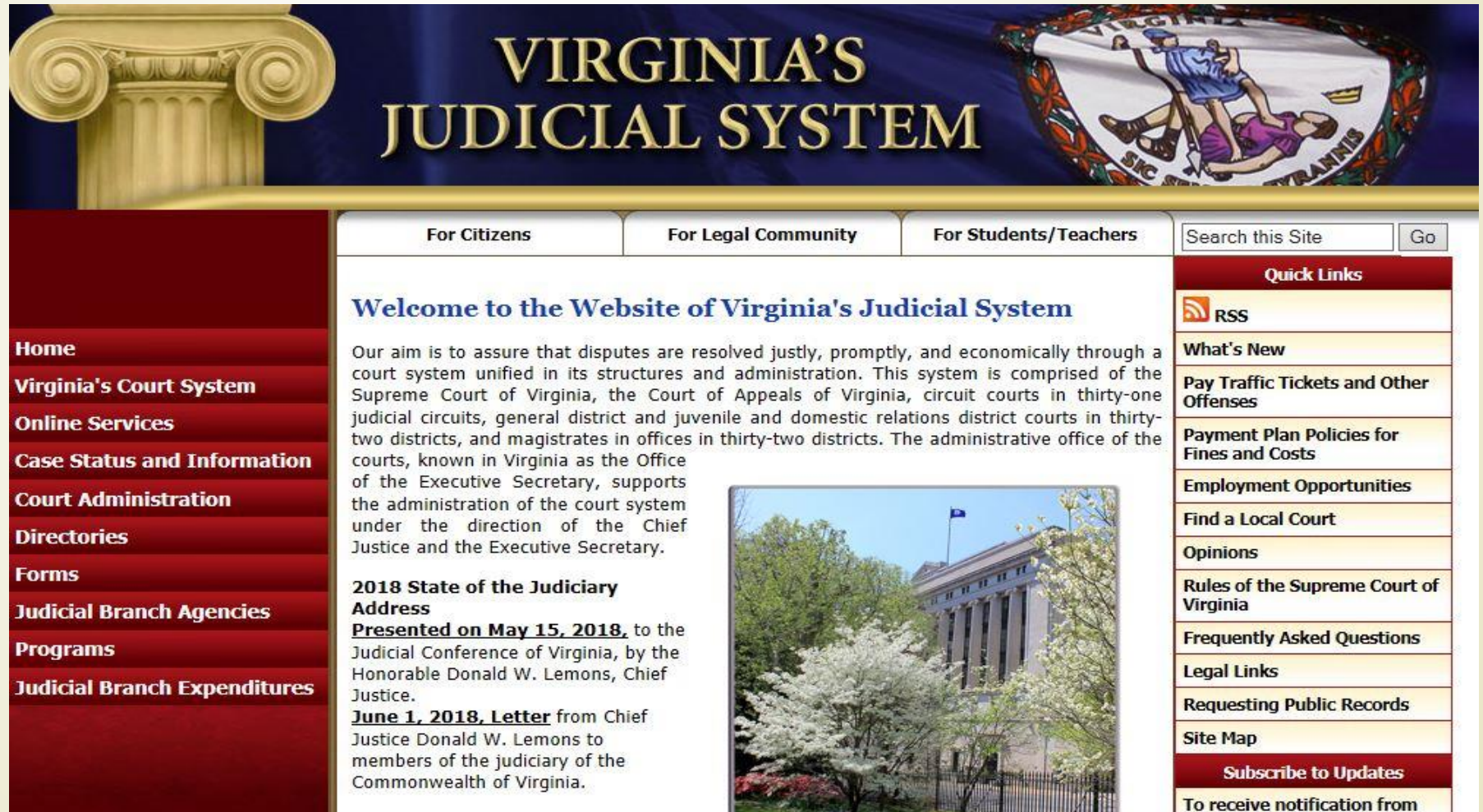


Additional Information

- ▶ Only handle Adult Cases
- ▶ Access to Judges
 - ▶ Only during court proceedings
 - ▶ Some cases require a Motion before seeing the Judge
 - ▶ Community Service
 - ▶ Restricted Driver's Licenses
- ▶ GDC is a Court of Open Record
 - ▶ You may have copies of your cases
 - ▶ Pick up or send request and SASE for return

Court Website

www.courts.state.va.us



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Virginia's Judicial System website. The header features a blue banner with the text "VIRGINIA'S JUDICIAL SYSTEM" in gold, flanked by a classical column on the left and the state seal on the right. Below the banner is a navigation bar with three tabs: "For Citizens", "For Legal Community", and "For Students/Teachers". A search bar is located on the right side of the navigation bar. The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column is a red sidebar with white text links: Home, Virginia's Court System, Online Services, Case Status and Information, Court Administration, Directories, Forms, Judicial Branch Agencies, Programs, and Judicial Branch Expenditures. The middle column contains a welcome message, a paragraph about the court system, and a news item titled "2018 State of the Judiciary Address" presented on May 15, 2018, by Chief Justice Donald W. Lemons. The right column is a red sidebar with white text links: Quick Links, RSS, What's New, Pay Traffic Tickets and Other Offenses, Payment Plan Policies for Fines and Costs, Employment Opportunities, Find a Local Court, Opinions, Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Frequently Asked Questions, Legal Links, Requesting Public Records, Site Map, and Subscribe to Updates. A photograph of the Supreme Court of Virginia building is located at the bottom right of the main content area.

VIRGINIA'S JUDICIAL SYSTEM

For Citizens For Legal Community For Students/Teachers Search this Site Go

Welcome to the Website of Virginia's Judicial System

Our aim is to assure that disputes are resolved justly, promptly, and economically through a court system unified in its structures and administration. This system is comprised of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Court of Appeals of Virginia, circuit courts in thirty-one judicial circuits, general district and juvenile and domestic relations district courts in thirty-two districts, and magistrates in offices in thirty-two districts. The administrative office of the courts, known in Virginia as the Office of the Executive Secretary, supports the administration of the court system under the direction of the Chief Justice and the Executive Secretary.

2018 State of the Judiciary Address
Presented on May 15, 2018, to the Judicial Conference of Virginia, by the Honorable Donald W. Lemons, Chief Justice.
June 1, 2018, Letter from Chief Justice Donald W. Lemons to members of the judiciary of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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QUESTIONS

