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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters

The Honorable Mark T. Boonstra, Vice Chair
Michigan Judges' Retirement System Board
General Office Building
and
John E. Nixon, C.P.A., Director
Department of Technology, Management, and Budget
George W. Romney Building
and
Mr. Phillip J. Stoddard, Director
Office of Retirement Services
Department of Technology, Management, and Budget
General Office Building
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Judge Boonstra, Mr. Nixon, and Mr. Stoddard:

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Michigan Judges' Retirement System as of and for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2012 and September 30, 2011 and have issued our report thereon dated December 29, 2012. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Management of the Michigan Judges' Retirement System is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Michigan Judges' Retirement System's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the basic financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Michigan Judges' Retirement System's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Michigan Judges' Retirement System's internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined in the preceding paragraph.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Michigan Judges' Retirement System's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Governor, the Legislature, the Michigan Judges' Retirement System Board, management, and others within the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Sincerely,



Thomas H. McTavish, C.P.A.
Auditor General
December 29, 2012