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On the behalf of the Judicial Branch of Government and the entire legal community, the Honorable Rhys S. Hodge, Chief Justice, offers condolences on the passing of the late Derek M. Hodge.

Many remember the late Derek M. Hodge as a savvy politician and dedicated public servant who used his talents for the betterment of his community. As a lifelong Democrat, he served as Senate President and as a Lieutenant Governor, and used those platforms to improve the way of life for many in the Virgin Islands.

In the legal community and among his colleagues, Hodge was known as brilliant attorney who left his mark on the private sector as well. As a member of the firm Hodge, Sheen & Finch, as partner in the firm of MacKay and Hodge, and finally in his solo practice, Hodge brought passion to the legal profession, serving his clients in a thorough and effective manner on both the trial and appellate levels. Never one to sit on the sidelines, Hodge also served as President of the Virgin Islands Bar Association prior to his sojourn in public service.

In response to his passing, Chief Justice Hodge stated, "Derek was a dear friend who I have known professionally and personally for over 30 years. His legal acumen and brilliance was evident in his undertakings both in the public and private sector. The legal community has lost one of its stalwarts and the Virgin Islands have lost one of its valued treasures. There can be no greater testament to a life well lived than one that was in service to others."

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