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**DESIGNATION OF HON HAROLD W. L. WILLOCKS AS PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE  
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**

Administrator of Courts, Regina Petersen wishes to advise the public and the members of the Virgin Islands Bar Association that in accordance with the provisions of 4 V. I. C. § 71 (c), and as the most senior judge of the Superior Court in the District of St. Croix, the Honorable Harold W. L. Willocks, has been designated the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands for a three year term.

Presiding Judge Willocks was first nominated by the Honorable John P. de Jongh, Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States, to serve a six-year term as a Judge of the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands. He was confirmed unanimously by the 28th Legislature of the Virgin Islands with his first term commencing effective January 24, 2010. During this term of office, he was designated by Presiding Judge Michael C. Dunston to serve as Administrative Judge in the District of St. Croix. In 2016, Judge Willocks was nominated to serve a second 6-year term as Judge of the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands by the Honorable Kenneth E. Mapp, Governor of the Virgin Islands, and unanimously confirmed by the 31st Legislature of Virgin Islands. His second term commenced on June 2, 2016. Prior to his 9 years of distinguished service on the Superior Court Bench, Judge Willocks served 22 years in the Office of the Territorial Public Defender, 18 of those years as the Chief Territorial Public Defender.

Presiding Judge Willocks succeeds the Honorable Michael C. Dunston, who retired from active judicial service effective September 26, 2019, and who has graciously accepted to continue to serve as Senior Sitting Judge in the St. Thomas and St. John District effective September 27, 2019.

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