

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN RE:

**ORDER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING
MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FILING
IN SUPREME COURT PROCEEDINGS.**

ADMIN. No. 2017-0002

2017 SEP 11 PM 3:30

SUPREME COURT

NOTICE OF ENTRY OF JUDGMENT/ORDER

**TO: Justices of the Supreme Court
Judges & Magistrate Judges of the Superior Court
Judges & Magistrate Judges of the District Court
Trudy Fenster, Esq., President, V.I. Bar Association, *for distribution to V.I. Bar members*
Regina D. Petersen, Administrator of Courts
Veronica J. Handy, Esq., Clerk of the Supreme Court
Estrella H. George, Clerk of the Superior Court
Glenda L. Lake, Esq., Clerk of the District Court
Supreme Court Law Clerks
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Order Book**

Please take notice that on September 11, 2017, a(n) **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER** dated September 11, 2017, was entered by the Clerk in the above-entitled matter.

Dated: September 11, 2017

VERONICA J. HANDY, ESQ.

Clerk of the Court

By: 

**Cheryl A. Parris
Deputy Clerk II**

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule 40.2(a) of the Virgin Islands Rules of Appellate Procedure, electronic filing of briefs, motions, petitions, and other documents is required for all parties represented by an attorney in all appeals and original proceedings before the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands;

WHEREAS, effective at 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday September 5, 2017, Governor Kenneth E. Mapp declared a state of emergency due to Hurricane Irma, including imposition of a territory-wide curfew;

WHEREAS, on Tuesday September 5, 2017, all courts of the Virgin Islands were ordered closed in preparation for Hurricane Irma, and all Judicial Branch electronic platforms, including the Supreme Court's electronic filing system, were taken offline;

WHEREAS, Hurricane Irma made landfall in the United States Virgin Islands as a Category-5 hurricane on Wednesday September 6, 2017, and resulted in devastating damage throughout the Territory, and in particular the District of St. Thomas and St. John, including the loss of power and telephone service;

WHEREAS, all Judicial Branch electronic platforms, including the Supreme Court's electronic filing system, remain offline due to the emergency conditions that continue to persist in the Territory;

WHEREAS, the continued unavailability of the Supreme Court's electronic filing system

necessitates that the mandatory electronic filing requirement be temporarily suspended in order to allow litigants, particularly in time-sensitive matters, to file documents with the Supreme Court;

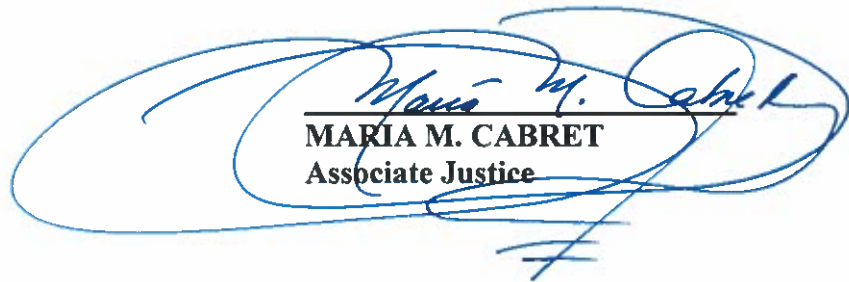
NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the administrative authority conferred by title 4, sections 4 and 31 of the Virgin Islands Code, it is hereby

ORDERED that the requirements of Rule 40 of the Virgin Islands Rules of Appellate Procedure are **HEREBY SUSPENDED** *nunc pro tunc* to 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday September 5, 2017, and that the Clerk of the Supreme Court is **HEREBY DIRECTED** to accept conventional filings of all documents filed with the Supreme Court. It is further

ORDERED that the requirements of Rule 40 **SHALL REMAIN SUSPENDED** until further order of this Court. It is further

ORDERED that copies of this order be directed to the appropriate parties.

SO ORDERED this 11th day of September, 2017.



MARIA M. CABRET
Associate Justice

ATTEST:

VERONICA J. HANDY, ESQ.
Clerk of the Court

By: 
Deputy Clerk

Dated: 9/11/2017

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