

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**

**IN RE:** ) **PROMULGATION No. 2014-004**  
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**AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES** )  
**GOVERNING ADMISSION TO THE** )  
**VIRGIN ISLANDS BAR AND THE** )  
**SCHEDULE OF FEES APPLICABLE TO** )  
**ALL FILINGS BEFORE THE SUPREME** )  
**COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS.** )  
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**ORDER OF THE COURT**

This Court, pursuant to the authority granted to it by section 21(c) of the Revised Organic Act of 1954, as amended, and title 4, sections 32(e), 32(f)(2), and 34(a) of the Virgin Islands Code, as well as its inherent authority, hereby proposes the following amendments to the Rules Governing Admission to the Virgin Islands Bar, as well as this Court’s Schedule of Fees. Accordingly, it is hereby

**ORDERED** that Supreme Court Rule 204(c) is **HEREBY AMENDED** by designating the following language as the new Supreme Court Rule 204(c)(6):

- (6) Applicants wishing to take the essay portion of the Virgin Islands Bar Exam using a laptop computer shall pay a non-refundable \$150.00 fee, which shall be paid directly to the Committee of Bar Examiners no later than two weeks before the date of the exam, as well as complete all registration requirements established by the Committee of Bar Examiners. Applicants who fail to pay the required fee, do not successfully complete the registration requirement, or who encounter hardware or software failure or other technical difficulties will be required to complete the essay examination by handwriting and will not receive a refund of the \$150.00 fee. No additional time or other accommodation shall be given if a hardware or software failure or other technical difficulty occurs while taking the exam.

It is further

**ORDERED** that, upon the effective date of these proposed amendment, the Schedule of Fees Applicable to All Filings Before the Supreme Court **SHALL BE AMENDED** to reflect the new fee set forth in the amended Rule 204. It is further

**ORDERED** that, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 37, the public as well as members of the local Bench and bar **MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS** on these proposed amendments to the Clerk of the Court within thirty (30) days of entry of this order. It is further

**ORDERED** that the proposed amendments **SHALL TAKE EFFECT** beginning with the July 2014 administration of the Virgin Islands Bar Examination, and **SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT** unless modified as a result of comments from the public and the local Bench and bar. It is further

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

**SO ORDERED** this 27th day of March, 2014.

/s/ Ive Arlington Swan  
**IVE ARLINGTON SWAN**  
Associate Justice

/s/ Maria M. Cabret  
**MARIA M. CABRET**  
Associate Justice

/s/ Rhys S. Hodge  
**RHYS S. HODGE**  
Chief Justice

**ATTEST:**  
**VERONICA J. HANDY, ESQ.**  
Clerk of the Court