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**PRESS RELEASE**

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Honorable Rhys S. Hodge, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands is pleased to announce that Mrs. Regina deChabert Petersen has been appointed the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands. Ms. deChabert Petersen joined the Supreme Court family in 2012 and was subsequently appointed as Acting Administrative Director in 2013.

Mrs. deChabert Petersen earned a Bachelor of Arts from DePauw University with a concentration in Sociology and her Juris Doctorate Degree from the University of Notre Dame. She has also been designated as a Certified Court Manager by the National Center for State Courts Institute for Court Management. Mrs. deChabert Petersen is a member of the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA), where she is currently serving as a member of the Language Access Advisory Committee, which focuses on language access issues and initiatives of national interest. She also serves on COSCA's Access, Fairness and Public Trust Committee. In addition to her professional profile, Mrs. deChabert Petersen brings extensive management experience to her role, having served for over a decade in various managerial positions within the three branches of government in the Virgin Islands.

As Administrative Director, Mrs. deChabert Petersen's primary responsibilities include the facilitation of the daily operations of the court system, developing the administrative structure and systems of the Supreme Court, and assisting in the development and implementation of the vision, values and direction of the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands. Additionally, the Administrative Director has the responsibility of coordinating the annual budget presentation of the Virgin Islands Judiciary to the Legislature of the Virgin Islands, serving as legislative liaison for the Court, compiling, maintaining and publishing any statistical information and reports produced by the Supreme Court, and coordinating services with other courts, agencies and outside vendors as they relate to the overall operations of the Supreme Office of the Virgin Islands.

Mrs. deChabert Petersen's responsibilities will also include the supervision of the professional and non-professional staff in the Office of Administrative Services which includes personnel in the following areas: Bar Admission/Attorney Services, Facilities Management, Financial Services, Human Resources, Information Technology, Judicial Security, Library Services, Property and Procurement Services, Public Information, Records Management, Statistics and Judiciary Reporting for the Supreme Court.

In confirming the appointment, Chief Justice Hodge stated, "We are delighted to have secured Mrs. deChabert Petersen as our new Administrative Director. Regina has been an exemplary Acting Administrative Director who brings a commitment to justice, a passion for the Court, and the ability to build and strengthen positive relationships with our many constituents. The Justices and I have the full confidence in her and we are absolutely convinced that she is the right leader for our Court."

Mrs. deChabert Petersen is committed to ensuring the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands continues to provide high quality services and innovative solutions to the judiciary and the people of the Virgin Islands. She will continue to foster partnerships to strengthen the role of the Court in our community.

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