

JUDICIAL BRANCH ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE



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Chief Justice Rhys S. Hodge wishes to advise the public and members of the Virgin Islands Bar that in light of the devastation caused by Hurricane Irma, ongoing recovery efforts and overall safety concerns, the courts of the Virgin Islands in the District of St. Thomas and St. John only shall remain closed until further notice. Filings will be accepted via secured lock-box at both the Supreme and Superior Court locations.

The following applies only to the District of St. Thomas and St. John:

Court Hearings

Advice of Rights hearings will be conducted on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week at 1:00 p.m. at the Magistrate Division, located at Barbel Plaza South. Any family court emergency matter will be handled at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week in the Family Division, at the Alexander A. Farrelly Justice Complex.

All other previous hearings will be continued without a date. Parties will be notified of rescheduled dates once the courts are fully operational.

Deadlines

In accordance with the Judicial Branches Administrative Order No. 2017-001, all time limits prescribed or allowed by rule of procedure, court order, statutes applicable to court proceedings, or otherwise pertaining to court proceedings have been tolled from 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, through 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, September 14, 2017. Accordingly, all such deadlines have been extended for a period of ten (10) calendar days.

Electronic Filing

In accordance with the Judicial Branch's Administrative Order No. 2017-002, the electronic filing requirements of Rule 40 of the Virgin Islands Rules of Appellate Procedure have been suspended from 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, and will remain suspended until further orders of the Court. Filings will be accepted via secured lock-box at the Supreme locations at 161B Crown Bay.

Chief Justice Hodge further advises that the offices in the judicial district of St. Croix have reopened and are fully operational. The Judicial Branch will provide further information as recovery efforts continue in the District of St. Thomas and St. John.

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