

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN RE:) **S. Ct. Misc. No. 2016-0012**
)
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE VIRGIN)
ISLANDS JUDICIAL BRANCH)
UNIFICATION TASK FORCE.)
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Pursuant to its inherent authority and the authority granted to it by section 21(c) of the Revised Organic Act of 1954, as amended, and title 4, section 31(d) of the Virgin Islands Code, the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands hereby establishes the Virgin Islands Judicial Branch Unification Task Force. Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that the Virgin Islands Judicial Branch Unification Task Force is **HEREBY ESTABLISHED** effective on **September 7, 2016**, and shall be charged with studying the structure, policies, practices, and procedures of the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands and the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands in the operational areas that, pursuant to Act No. 7888, shall be the responsibility of the Judicial Branch Administrative Office, including, but not limited to, personnel, procurement and disbursement, facilities and property, information technology, finance, court security, case and records management, library management, legal counsel, and marshal services. It is further

ORDERED that the Virgin Islands Judicial Branch Unification Task Force **MAY USE** the facilities of the Virgin Islands Judiciary for its meetings and other functions. It is further

ORDERED that the Virgin Islands Judicial Branch Unification Task Force **SHALL ISSUE, on an expedited basis but no later than October 1, 2016**, a preliminary unification study and report to the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands, the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court and, if appointed, the Administrator of Courts, with respect to each of the affected areas, which

shall include specific recommendations for the efficient use of the Judicial Branch's resources, including harmonizing any conflicting policies, practices, and procedures. Furthermore, the Virgin Islands Judicial Branch Unification Task Force **SHALL ISSUE** its detailed final report **on an expedited basis but no later than November 1, 2016**. It is further

ORDERED that the Virgin Islands Judicial Branch Unification Task Force **MAY ESTABLISH** subcommittees and working groups to assist it in meeting its mandate. It is further

ORDERED that the Virgin Islands Judicial Branch Unification Task Force **SHALL CONSIST** of the members shown in the attached list marked "Exhibit 1". The Chief Justice may appoint additional members to the Task Force at a later date if necessary to assist the Task Force in meetings its mandate. It is further

ORDERED that copies of this Order shall be served on the appropriate parties.

SO ORDERED this 1st day of September, 2016.

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

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

Exhibit 1

VIRGIN ISLANDS JUDICIAL BRANCH UNIFICATION TASK FORCE

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