

# SUPREME COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS



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The Supreme Court has a reputation for demanding excellence and we are always proud to see our employees surpass our grueling demands with remarkable achievements. Chief Justice Rhys Hodge, joins other entities within the Virgin Islands and across the United States in celebrating Public Service Recognition Week, and honoring its 2016 Employees of the Year, Ianna Smith and Franklin Pickering.

Franklin Pickering has never been confined to a job description and is always available to assist with any task enthusiastically, no matter how challenging or difficult. He is known for his exuberant personality, resourcefulness, and dedication to his co-workers and customers of the Court. He has utilized his vast network and finesse to plan activities, secure items, maneuver through and around St. Thomas traffic and ensure travel arrangements for appreciative Court personnel.

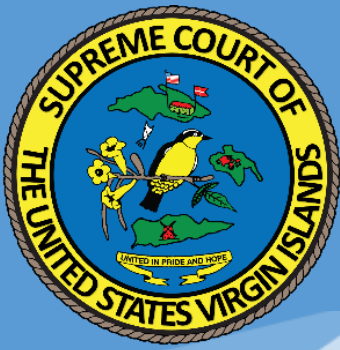
Ianna Smith consistently provides the highest quality of service and is known for her creativity and exuberance. As a relatively new addition to our team, she has assimilated well and has rightfully earned the admiration of all Court employees. Ms. Smith's magnetizing and engaging personality has reinvigorated our St. Croix employees to participate in activities. Her creativity and inventions as a motivator, has established an energetic workplace. She has increased the efficiency of her division, and due to her versatility and willingness to learn and be challenged, she has been entrusted to oversee technological assignments and performed successfully. Ianna Smith is truly a dependable and amazing individual.

The Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands is honored to recognize and congratulate Ianna, Franklin, and all the other Employees of the Year who are the innovators propelling sweeping changes within the Government of the Virgin Islands and making a meaningful impact. Sincere congratulations and thank you!

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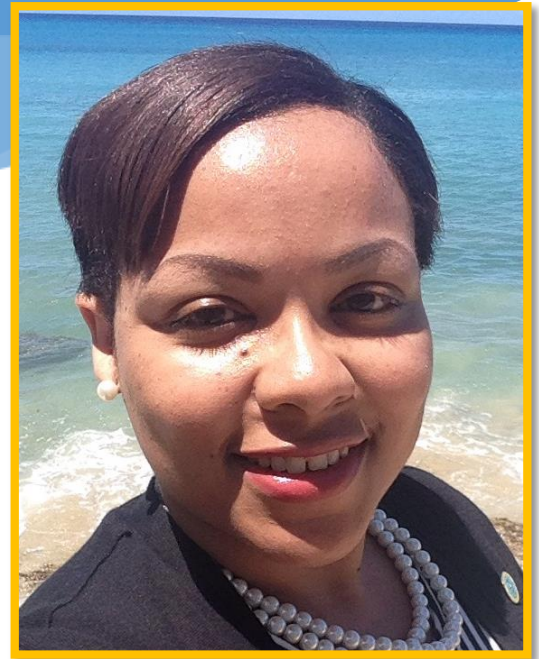
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# 2016 *Employees of the Year*

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