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April 13, 2017

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**REAPPOINTMENT OF SUPERIOR COURT MAGISTRATE JUDGES**

Honorable Michael C. Dunston, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands, announces to the general public and the members of the Virgin Islands Bar Association that the current terms of the Superior Court Magistrate Judges are set to expire as follows:

<u>Magistrate Judge</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>	<u>Judicial District</u>
Hon. Jessica Gallivan	June 28, 2017	St. Croix
Hon. Miguel Camacho	June 28, 2017	St. Croix
Hon. Henry V. Carr, III	August 24, 2017	St. Thomas-St. John
Hon. Carolyn Hermon-Percell	November 16, 2017	St. Thomas-St. John

The Superior Court of the Virgin Islands, pursuant to 4 V.I.C. § 122(a), is required to seek input from the public regarding the reappointments of the Magistrate Judges. Accordingly, in addition to the 60-day notice of the expiration of the terms, notice is also hereby provided on the commencement of a 30-day comment period.

Specifically, during the next 30 days, the public and members of the Virgin Islands Bar Association are directed to submit any comments regarding the reappointments of these judicial officers in writing to the Administrator of Courts. All comments must be submitted **NO LATER** than May 12, 2017.

Pursuant to 4 V.I.C. § 123, Magistrate Judges administer oaths and affirmations; issue civil and criminal process, including warrants of arrest, search warrants, subpoenas, and orders (release on bail, for detention of persons pending trial and contempt); take acknowledgments, affidavits and depositions; conduct marriages; hear all non-felony traffic offenses, litter cases, misdemeanor criminal cases up to 364 days imprisonment); conduct arraignment and probable cause hearings in any criminal or traffic offense matter; hear small claims cases, probate matters, and civil cases where the amount in controversy does not exceed \$75,000; issue temporary and permanent restraining orders in domestic violence cases; and, hear forcible entry and detainer and landlord and tenant actions. In addition, Magistrate Judges may be designated by a Superior Court judge to hear and determine any pretrial matter pending before the court; conduct evidentiary and other hearings to submit proposed findings of fact and recommendations for disposition by a Superior Court judge; conduct all proceedings in a jury or non-jury civil matter upon consent by the litigants; and, perform such other duties as conferred or imposed by law.

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