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The Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands advises the general public and members of the Virgin Islands Bar that Attorney Tanisha Bailey-Roka assumed office as the new Chief Disciplinary Counsel at the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands on October 26, 2015. As Chief Disciplinary Counsel, Attorney Bailey-Roka will manage the Virgin Islands disciplinary system and be responsible for receiving, screening, investigating and, as necessary, prosecuting complaints made against attorneys, judges and persons who may be engaged in the unauthorized practice of law. Attorney Bailey Roka succeeds Attorney Delphine Janey.

Attorney Bailey-Roka has an extensive legal and public service career. She has been a continuous member of the Virgin Islands Bar for a decade and an American Bar Association member for 14 years. As a dedicated twelve year public servant, she has been a devoted District Legal Counsel at the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs advocating for consumer rights and protection. Most recently, as General Counsel at the Public Services Commission she has used her legal skills to draft legislation, successfully argue before this Court, and has made substantial changes in the regulation of energy, telecommunication, and marine transit in the territory. She has a bachelor's degree from American University and a law degree from the University of Maryland School of Law.

Attorney Bailey-Roka is excited about her new role at the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands. As the newly appointed Chief Disciplinary Counsel, Attorney Bailey-Roka is "... truly honored. It is a position that comes with great responsibility and I am humbled that I get to be a voice of ethics and integrity for our sacred profession. To be a lawyer on these three beautiful islands, and be a part of a growing body of ethical practice and conduct tailored to us is exciting. The Supreme Court has done much to forge a culture of high expectations, integrity, and performance for the bar-- to be a part of that process is a gift. I am also looking forward to raising awareness of the position, and informing the community about what rights they have when being represented."

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