

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN RE:) **PROMULGATION No. 2017-005**
)
ADOPTION OF THE UNIFORM BAR)
EXAMINATION and ADMISSION ON)
MOTION.)
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ORDER OF THE COURT

THIS MATTER comes before the Court pursuant to a request from the Committee of Bar Examiners and the Office of Bar Admissions to delay the effective date of the local component of the Virgin Islands Bar Examination, and to implement technical corrections to other bar admission rules. Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that Supreme Court Rule 204(i)(1) **SHALL BE AMENDED** to strike and insert language as indicated:

The Committee of Bar Examiners, effective January 1, 2018, shall require applicants who have passed the bar examination and applicants who have been admitted on motion or admitted pursuant to a transferred UBE score to complete a Virgin Islands Law ~~Course~~Component (VILC) on important and unique aspects of Virgin Islands law that are not tested on the Virgin Islands Bar Examination. The VILC shall be developed by the Committee of Bar Examiners, which may invoke the assistance of the Virgin Islands Bar Association and its Continuing Legal Education Committee, and which may be assessed by a multiple-choice or other such method of examination.

It is further

ORDERED that Supreme Court Rule 201(a) **SHALL BE AMENDED** by striking the phrase “and licensing fees” and inserting, at the conclusion of all existing language, the sentence “The regularly admitted attorney shall notify the Supreme Court no later than fourteen (14) days from the date of final disposition of the litigation or withdrawal of the *pro hac vice* attorney.” It is further

ORDERED that Rule 40.2(b)(3) of the Virgin Islands Rules of Appellate Procedure

SHALL BE AMENDED by striking the phrase “may register” and inserting it in its place the phrase “shall register”. It is further

ORDERED that Supreme Court Rule 204(i)(2) **SHALL BE AMENDED** to strike the phrase “When an applicant has satisfactorily passed the bar examination” and insert in its place the phrase “When an applicant has satisfied all of the criteria for admission to the Virgin Islands Bar”. It is further

ORDERED that the amendments set forth in this rule **SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY**. It is further

ORDERED that copies of this order be directed to the appropriate parties.

SO ORDERED this 24th day of July, 2017.

/s/ Ive Arlington Swan
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Associate Justice

/s/ Maria M. Cabret
MARIA M. CABRET
Associate Justice

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

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