

DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS



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CHIEF JUDGE POSITION AT THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS ROTATES TO THE HONORABLE WILMA A. LEWIS EFFECTIVE FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2013

Effective Friday, August 16, 2013, the Honorable Wilma A. Lewis will assume the position of Chief Judge of the District Court of the Virgin Islands in accordance with federal law, which requires that the Chief Judge position of each federal court change every seven years.

Judge Lewis, who is resident in the St. Croix Division of the Court, succeeds the Honorable Curtis V. Gómez, who has served as Chief Judge since August, 2006. Judge Gómez will continue to serve as a District Judge resident in the St. Thomas/St. John Division of the Court.

In July, 2011, Judge Lewis became the first woman appointed as a District Judge in the Virgin Islands. She will be the first woman to serve as Chief Judge of the District Court. Of her new assignment, Judge Lewis states:

It will be an honor to serve as Chief Judge of the District Court of the Virgin Islands. I am assuming this role at a time when the federal government's budgetary crisis presents significant challenges for the effective operation of the federal judiciary. Notwithstanding these challenges, the judges and employees of the District Court remain committed to the fair, impartial, and effective administration of justice. I look forward to working with my judicial colleagues and the District Court staff in this new capacity, as well as with judges of the local courts, members of the Virgin Islands Bar, and the community at large, as we strive for continued improvement of our judicial system.

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