



**DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
FIFTH ANNUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE
Frenchman's Reef & Morning Star Marriott Beach Resort
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands
Tuesday, January 21, 2014**

Agenda

- 8:00 a.m. – 8:25 a.m. ***Registration and Continental Breakfast***
- 8:25 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. ***Welcome***
The Honorable Wilma A. Lewis, Chief Judge,
District Court of the Virgin Islands
- 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. ***Supreme Court Round-Up***
Professor Erwin Chemerinsky, Dean, University of California,
Irvine School of Law
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. ***Writing to Win***
Bryan A. Garner, Esq., Editor-in-Chief, *Black's Law Dictionary*,
Distinguished Research Professor of Law,
Southern Methodist University
Prof. Garner's *Legal Writing in Plain English*, 2d ed., will be used as
the basis for the presentation.
- 11:15 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. ***Break***
- 11:25 a.m. – 12:25 p.m. ***Panel: Bench and Bar Perspectives on Advocacy***
Moderator: Bryan A. Garner, Esq., Editor-in-Chief, *Black's Law
Dictionary*, and Distinguished Research Professor of Law, Southern
Methodist University
Panelists: The Honorable Theodore A. McKee, Chief Judge,
United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit; The Honorable
Curtis V. Gómez, Judge, District Court of the Virgin Islands; The
Honorable Rhys S. Hodge, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the
Virgin Islands; Pamela R. Tepper, Esq., Assistant Attorney General,
Virgin Islands Department of Justice
- 12:25 p.m. – 1:40 p.m. ***Lunch***
***The Future of Civil Rights: Reflections on the
50th Anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and
the 60th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education***
Professor Erwin Chemerinsky, Dean, University of California,
Irvine School of Law

1:40 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.

Diligence or Zeal? The Model Rules' Constraints on Advocacy

Professor Geoffrey C. Hazard, Jr., Emeritus Thomas E. Miller
Distinguished Professor of Law, University of California Hastings
College of the Law

2:40 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.

***Chief Judges' Roundtable: Perspectives on Legal Practice from
The Chief Judges***

Moderator: The Honorable Geoffrey W. Barnard, Magistrate
Judge, District Court of the Virgin Islands

Panelists: The Honorable Theodore A. McKee, Chief Judge,
United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit; The Honorable
Wilma A. Lewis, Chief Judge, District Court of the Virgin Islands;
The Honorable Rhys S. Hodge, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the
Virgin Islands; The Honorable Michael C. Dunston, Presiding Judge,
Superior Court of the Virgin Islands

3:40 p.m.

Closing

The Honorable Wilma A. Lewis, Chief Judge,
District Court of the Virgin Islands

3:45 p.m.

Reception