

DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS



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THE DISTRICT COURT MOURNS THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE EILEEN R. PETERSEN

On behalf of the judges and employees of the District Court of the Virgin Islands, I offer my condolences on the passing of the Honorable Eileen R. Petersen.

Judge Petersen was a stalwart in the Virgin Islands judiciary and indeed, the Virgin Islands community. She was many “firsts”. Judge Petersen was the first female judge in the territory. In that capacity, she broke barriers, mentored female attorneys and jurists, and left a legacy for others to follow—both male and female.

After her judicial career, she served as the first Chair of the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission, working tirelessly to establish the operations of the Commission.

Her commitment to public service was fueled early on in her career. Judge Petersen served as an educator, prior to pursuing her law degree. Upon her return to the territory, she served as the Assistant Attorney General (and Acting Attorney General) in the Municipal and Territorial Courts (now Superior Court), working tirelessly to develop the skills that would serve her and so many others during her tenure on the bench.

On a more personal note, Judge Petersen has been a dear friend to the Molloy and Moorhead family for over 60 years. In fact, her mentorship to me played a significant role in my decision to apply and attend law school.

Her dedication to service was unwavering, only matched by her commitment to see others excel. The Virgin Islands has lost one of its giants; however, her legacy will live on in the individuals and organizations that she touched.

May she Rest in Peace.