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**THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS ISSUES SIXTEENTH ORDER
CONCERNING OPERATIONS OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCES FOR CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS**

The District Court of the Virgin Islands continues to monitor the outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). In so doing, the Honorable Wilma A. Lewis, Chief Judge, issued the Sixteenth Order Concerning Operations of the District Court of the Virgin Islands Video and Teleconferences for Criminal Proceedings on Monday, January 04, 2021.

On March 27, 2020, Congress passed and the President signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") authorizing the use of video conferencing and teleconferencing under certain circumstances and with the consent of the defendant after consultation with counsel for various events in criminal cases during the course of the COVID-19 emergency.

The most recent order extends the Twelfth Order Concerning Operations of the District Court of the Virgin Islands Video and Teleconferences for Criminal Proceedings, entered on October 06, 2020. It shall remain in effect for an additional 90 days from the January 4, 2021 Order, unless terminated earlier or extended.

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