## DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS CLERK'S OFFICE



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## THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS ISSUES TWENTY-FIRST ORDER CONCERNING OPERATIONS OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS DURING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

The District Court of the Virgin Islands continues to monitor the outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). In so doing, the Honorable Robert A. Molloy, Chief Judge, issued the Twenty-First Order Concerning Operations of the District Court of the Virgin Islands During COVID-19 Outbreak on Friday, April 30, 2021.

The District Court operations "soft reopening" to the public was initiated on February 17, 2021 and set to expire on April 30, 2021, shall be extended and continued in full force and effect through May 31, 2021. In-person court proceedings may be conducted for any matters that do not involve large numbers of persons in the courtroom, with proceedings that qualify for in-person proceedings to be determined in the sole discretion of the presiding judge. The "soft reopening" of Court operations is also extended to include the incremental resumption of civil and criminal jury trials before any judge or magistrate judge in either Division of the Court, as determined and scheduled by the presiding judge.

Clerk's Office counter services will continue, except that payments in cash will not be accepted. Payments may be made by personal check, credit and debit cards, money order, or certified bank check, except that criminal debts cannot be paid by personal check or credit and debit cards.

This Order shall remain in effect for the period of May 1, 2021 through May 31, 2021 unless it, or any portion thereof, is modified or terminated earlier or extended by further Order of the Court.

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