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THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS ISSUES TWELFTH ORDER CONCERNING OPERATIONS OF THE DISTICT 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 Twelfth Order Concerning Operations of the District Court of the Virgin Islands Video and Teleconferences for Criminal Proceedings on Tuesday, October 06, 2020.

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 Eighth Order Concerning Operations of the District Court of the Virgin Islands Video and Teleconferences for Criminal Proceedings, entered on July 8, 2020. It shall remain in effect for an additional 90 days from the October 06, 2020 Order, unless terminated earlier or extended.

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