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**THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS ANNOUNCES THE
UNVEILING PORTRAIT CEREMONY FOR
RETIRED UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE, CURTIS V. GÓMEZ**

On behalf of the District Court of the Virgin Islands, Chief Judge Robert A. Molloy is pleased to announce that on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, the Unveiling Portrait Ceremony for Retired U.S. District Judge Curtis V. Gómez was held at the Ron de Lugo Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse in the Division of St. Thomas/St. John.

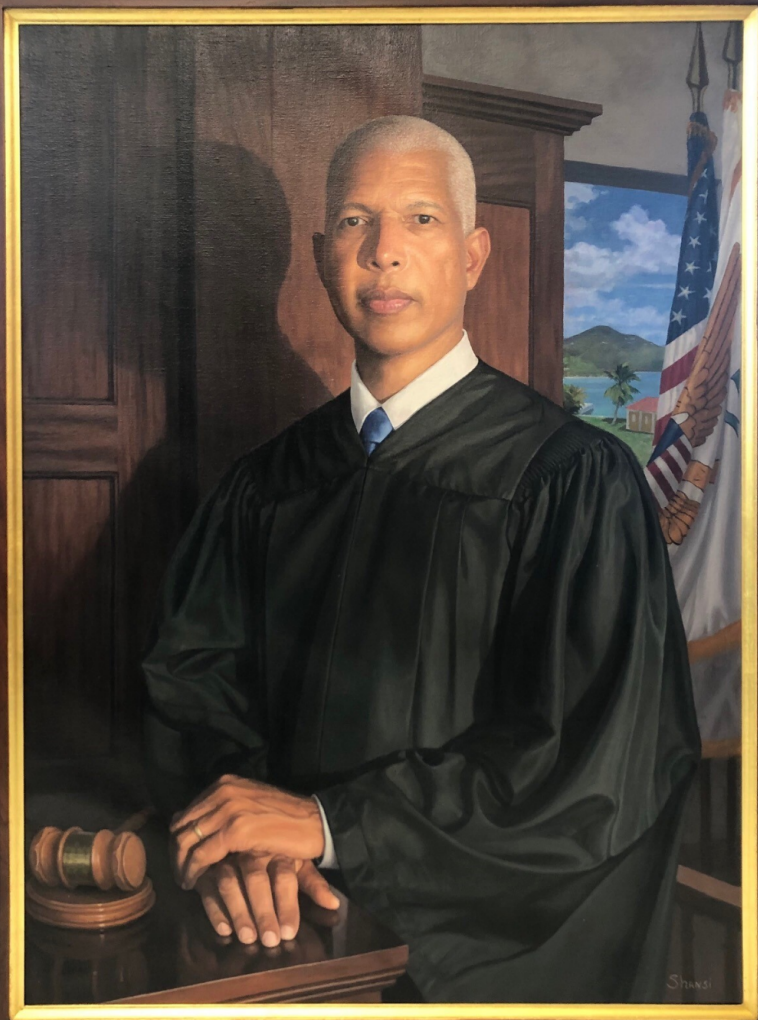
On January 3, 2005, Judge Gómez took the oath of office as a District Judge and began a very prolific career on the bench. From 2006 to 2013, he served as Chief Judge of the District Court. Throughout his judicial career, he issued over 1,000 opinions and orders and held over 160 trials, eliminating a multi-year backlog of cases. Beyond his basic judicial decision-making obligations, Judge Gómez aggressively sought to improve the Court's service to litigants, the bar and the community. To that end, Judge Gómez achieved a number of firsts for the district as he launched the District Court's Brown Bag Bench-Bar series to improve court communication, efficiency and responsiveness; launched the seminal substantive Annual District Conference to provide continuing legal education to members of the Virgin Islands Bar; initiated and oversaw the launch of electronic case filing, the eJuror system and the digital jury evidence retrieval system in the district; and created a reentry program to reduce recidivism for recently released inmates. In addition, Judge Gomez appointed the first female federal judicial officer (Magistrate Judge) and the first female federal Clerk of Court in the District of the Virgin Islands.

Chief Judge Molloy recognized Judge Gómez' contributions to the District Court of the Virgin Islands. "It is indeed a pleasure to see another brilliant jurist immortalized in the annals of the District Court history. Judge Gómez' portrait serves to remind others of his service not only to the District Court but to the Virgin Islands community at large."

The portrait, created by local artist, Shansi Miller, will be installed in Courtroom I of the Ron de Lugo Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse--the courtroom in which Judge Gómez presided.

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