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**THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
WELCOMES THE HONORABLE EVAN RIKHYE**

On behalf of the District Court of the Virgin Islands, Chief Judge Robert A. Molloy warmly welcomes Judge Evan Rikhye to the District Court bench, effective May 28, 2026. Judge Rikhye's appointment to the federal bench follows his nomination by President Donald J. Trump on March 2, 2026, and the subsequent confirmation by the United States Senate on May 20, 2026. Judge Rikhye replaces Judge Wilma A. Lewis as a District Judge of the District Court of the Virgin Islands.

Immediately prior to his appointment to the federal bench, Judge Rikhye was Senior Counsel for Legal Investigations within Walmart Global Governance, where he directed internal investigations across domestic and international markets. In this role, he managed complex corporate compliance matters, including government inquiries, anti-corruption, financial fraud, conflicts of interest, and employment practices.

Judge Rikhye also had a distinguished 20-year career with the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ), spanning from 2004 to 2024. As an Assistant United States Attorney, he prosecuted a broad spectrum of federal offenses, including public corruption, complex financial fraud, narcotics and firearms trafficking, human trafficking, and civil rights violations. His tenure at USDOJ also featured key advisory roles within the Office of Legal Policy, as well as international diplomatic assignments as a Resident Legal Advisor at the U.S. Embassies in Niamey, Niger, and Jakarta, Indonesia. Notably, Judge Rikhye served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands, first from 2008 to 2011, and again from 2021 to 2024.

Earlier in his career, Judge Rikhye served as Counsel to the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission and as Compliance Counsel for a prominent Washington, D.C., public affairs and government relations firm.

Judge Rikhye earned both his Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctor degrees from American University in Washington, D.C.

Judge Rikhye will sit in the Division of St. Thomas and St. John.