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The Honorable Wilma A. Lewis Takes Senior Status and is Recalled for an Additional Year

The Honorable Robert A. Molloy, Chief Judge of the District Court of the Virgin Islands, announces that the Honorable Wilma A. Lewis elected to take senior status as a Judge of the District Court of the Virgin Islands, effective February 15, 2025, and was immediately recalled to perform judicial duties in the District of the Virgin Islands for the period of February 15, 2025, through February 16, 2026. Judge Lewis will therefore continue to serve in her current capacity in the Division of St. Croix under recall.

Reflecting on her tenure in public service, Judge Lewis stated, "I have been a public servant in the federal sector for almost three-fourths of my 43-year career, and it has been an extraordinary honor and privilege to so serve." Judge Lewis was appointed to the federal bench in the Virgin Islands on July 28, 2011, and was the first woman to serve as a federal district and chief judge in the Virgin Islands. Her appointment to the bench was her fourth Presidential appointment with United States Senate confirmation, as she had previously served as an Assistant Secretary and as the Inspector General of the United States Department of the Interior, and as the first female United States Attorney for the District of Columbia. Yet, it is her service to the District Court of the Virgin Islands that allowed her to achieve two long-held desires: returning home to serve her Virgin Islands community and serving on the federal district court bench. Judge Lewis characterizes as a "singular honor" the opportunity to have served the Virgin Islands community for the past 13-1/2 years.

Chief Judge Molloy commends Judge Lewis for her continued service to the District Court of the Virgin Islands and the people of this Territory. Chief Judge Molloy stated, "Judge Lewis' contributions to the Territory cannot be overstated. Through her extraordinary dedication and service to her country and her Virgin Islands community, she has exemplified the true tenets of public service. The Court looks forward to her continued service in her recalled capacity."

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