

DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS THIRD ANNUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012
FRENCHMAN'S REEF & MORNING STAR
MARRIOTT BEACH RESORT
St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands



8:00 a.m.- 8:25 a.m.

Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:25 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

Welcome

Honorable Curtis V. Gómez, Chief Judge, District Court of the United States Virgin Islands

8:30 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.

Supreme Court Round-up

Professor Erwin Chemerinsky, Dean, University of California, Irvine School of Law

9:55 a.m.-11:25 a.m.

CSI or Pie in the Sky: Forensic Science in the Courtroom

A Clash of Two Worlds: The Roles of the Gatekeeper and the Practitioner in Criminal Cases

Moderator: Professor Jennifer Mnookin, University of California Los Angeles School of Law

Panelists : Honorable Royce C. Lamberth, Chief Judge, United States District Court for the District of Columbia; Honorable Harold W.L. Willocks, Superior Court of the Virgin Islands; Ronald W. Sharpe, United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands; Thurston T. McKelvin, Federal Public Defender, District of the Virgin Islands

11:25 a.m.-11:35 a.m.

Morning Break

11:35 a.m.-12:35 p.m.

Practicing Responsibly: Ethical Developments

Moderator: Professor Erwin Chemerinsky, Dean, University of California, Irvine School of Law

Panelists : Honorable Theodore McKee, Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit; Honorable Julio A. Brady, Superior Court of the Virgin Islands; Chad Messier, Esq.; Diane Russell, Esq.

12:35 p.m.-1:35 p.m.

Lunch

*An Example of the Intersection Between Forensic Science and the Courts:
The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act*

Honorable Royce C. Lamberth, Chief Judge, United States District Court
for the District of Columbia

1:35 p.m. -3:40 p.m.

Forensic Science in the Courtroom: A Civil Perspective

Double Take: Weighing Video Evidence

Scott v. Harris: A Case Study

Professor Jessica Silbey, Suffolk University Law School

*Is it Junk Science?: Interpreting and Evaluating the Role of Forensic
Science in Civil Cases*

Moderator: Professor Jennifer Mnookin, University of California Los
Angeles School of Law

Panelists: Honorable Maria M. Cabret, Associate Justice of the Supreme
Court of the United States Virgin Islands; Honorable Juan Sanchez,
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania;
Professor Jessica Silbey, Suffolk University Law School; Pedro Williams,
Esq.; Aquanette Chinnery, Esq.; Daryl C. Barnes, Esq.

3:40 p.m.

Reception