

**DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
DIVISIONS OF ST. CROIX and ST. THOMAS/ST. JOHN**

IN RE:)
) **General Order**
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ACCESS TO FEDERAL)
COURTHOUSE BUILDINGS) **Miscellaneous No. 2020-0001**
DURING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK)
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**SECOND ORDER CONCERNING ACCESS TO THE
ALMERIC L. CHRISTIAN FEDERAL BUILDING AND COURTHOUSE
AND THE RON DE LUGO FEDERAL BUILDING AND COURTHOUSE
DURING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK**

WHEREAS, in response to the spread of the coronavirus disease (“COVID-19”), a national emergency, under the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. §§ 1601 *et seq.*), and a public health emergency were declared by the President of the United States and the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and other public health authorities have advised taking necessary and appropriate precautions to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19 and slow the spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, in response to the spread of COVID-19, the Governor of the Virgin Islands declared a state of emergency and has directed and urged various precautionary and preventive actions; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the CDC’s recommendations and consistent with local government policy, the Facility Security Committees for the Almeric L. Christian Federal Building and Courthouse on St. Croix and the Ron de Lugo Federal Building and Courthouse on St. Thomas

(collectively, "Federal Buildings") have jointly considered and approved certain protocols to be implemented at the Federal Buildings;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the available public health guidance, and in order to promote the health and safety of all those entering or occupying the Federal Buildings, it is hereby

ORDERED that all persons seeking entry to, or occupying the Federal Buildings, including Tenants and their staff, Court personnel, attorneys, jurors, witnesses, litigants, other participants in Court cases, security personnel, vendors, contractors, persons with other business at the Federal Buildings, visitors, and the general public must wear a face covering or mask that covers the wearer's nose and mouth while in the common areas of the Federal Buildings; and it is further

ORDERED that the common areas of the Federal Buildings shall include the entrance areas, lobbies, balconies, public corridors, elevators, restrooms, stairwells, garages, courtrooms, and any other areas of the Federal Buildings where the public generally has access; and it is further

ORDERED that the only persons excepted from this requirement are those who provide documentation that they are unable for medical reasons to wear a face covering, and children under the age of two years old; and it is further

ORDERED that all persons shall engage in social distancing while in the common areas of the Federal Buildings, which requires that individuals maintain at least a six-foot distance from each other; and it is further

ORDERED that all persons shall comply with the signage posted in the Federal Buildings; and it is further

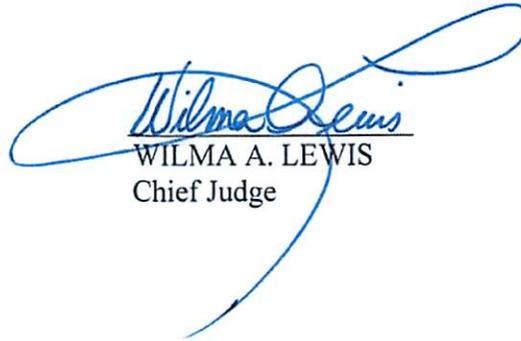
ORDERED that the United States Marshals Service, the Federal Protective Service, and Court Security Officers shall enforce this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that the “Order Concerning Access to the Almeric L. Christian Federal Building and Courthouse and the Ron de Lugo Federal Building and Courthouse During the COVID-19 Outbreak” entered on March 17, 2020 remains in full force and effect; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect pending further Order of the Court.

SO ORDERED.

Date: June 4, 2020


WILMA A. LEWIS
Chief Judge