

SUPREME COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS



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Chief Justice Rhys S. Hodge wishes to announce the appointment of Attorney Veronica J. Handy, as Clerk of the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands, effective Monday, October 20, 2008.

Prior to her appointment as Clerk, Attorney Handy led a distinguished career as a trial attorney with a practice concentrating in Family Law, Immigration, Litigation, Mediation, Estates, Arbitration, Appellate Practice and General Legal Advice. She started her profession as a law clerk in 1980 with the Law Offices of Edith L. Bornn, and then ascended to partner in the firm that would later become known as Bornn, Bornn, Handy and Rasheid. Attorney Handy was also partner in that firm's successors: Bornn, Bornn and Handy and The Bornn Handy Firm. Since 2002 until her appointment, Attorney Handy was the managing member of The Handy Legal Group, PLLC.

Working under the direction of the Chief Justice, the Clerk is primarily charged with operating the day to day functions of the Clerk's Office. The Clerk is responsible for the supervision of the professional and non-professional staff in the Clerk's Office and the administration and management of the appellate case processing of the Supreme Court. The Clerk of the Court also serves as the Secretary to the Judicial Council.

Attorney Handy received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration and Sociology from Simmons College in Boston, Massachusetts. She received her Juris Doctorate Degree from Hofstra University in Hempsted, New York. She is an active member of the Virgin Islands Bar Association and is also admitted before the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Chief Justice Hodge lauds Attorney Handy as, "an exceptionally well qualified individual suited for this critical position. Her dedication to the practice of law, her passion for service, her executive and supervisory experience which spans well over a decade are essential components for effective leadership of the Clerk's Office and will be a tremendous asset to the Supreme Court."

Chief Justice Hodge also thanks Attorney Glenda L. Lake, the Court's Administrative Director, for her willingness to assume the duties of Acting Clerk of the Court in addition to the duties of the Administrative Director which facilitated the continued operation of the Clerk's Office.

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