



PRESS RELEASE

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Chief Justice Rhys S. Hodge wishes to advise the general public and members of the Virgin Islands Bar that in recognition of Governor Albert Bryan's announcement regarding the inaugural day activities on the islands of St. Croix on January 8, 2019, and on St. John on January 10, 2019, employees of the Judicial Branch of the Virgin Islands have been granted administrative leave as follows:

- **January 8, 2019:** Employees in the district of St. Croix will be granted Administrative Leave from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in recognition of the inaugural activities on St. Croix that day. Full operations will resume in the judicial district of St. Croix at 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 9, 2019.
- **January 9, 2019:** Employees in the district of St. Thomas will be granted Administrative Leave from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in recognition of the inaugural activities on St. John that day. Full operations will resume in the judicial district of St. Thomas and St. John at 8:00 a.m. Thursday, January 10, 2019.

All filings will continuously be accepted through the previously approved methods:

- *Supreme Court:* All filings will continuously be accepted electronically via the Court's electronic filing system ("VISCEFS") and will also be accepted via a secured lockbox for non-electronic filers at the entrance of the Supreme Court's premises at No. 161B Crown Bay, on St. Thomas and No. 18 Strand Street, Frederiksted, St. Croix.
- *Superior Court:* All filings will be accepted in both districts. In the St. Thomas-St. John District, filings (including those for the Magistrate Division) will be accepted via a secured lock box on the First Floor, East Wing entrance of the Court's premises at the Alexander A. Farrelly Justice Center. In the District of St. Croix, filings will be accepted via a secured lock box located at the entrance on the First Floor of the R.H. Amphlett Leader Justice Complex. All previously calendared matters will be heard and or rescheduled to conform with this closure. Court imposed deadlines will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

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