

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**

**IN RE:** ) **PROMULGATION No. 2016-001**  
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**AMENDMENTS TO SUPREME COURT** )  
**RULES 202 AND 204.** )  
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**ORDER**

On April 28, 2015, and October 14, 2015, respectively, this Court proposed the adoption of Supreme Court Rules 202.1-4, and amendments to Supreme Court Rule 204. Although those amendments have gone into effect, this Court advised that it would promulgate additional amendments to the Rules based on public comments. Having reviewed those comments, it is hereby

**ORDERED** that Supreme Court Rule 202.1 is **AMENDED** in the following instances:

1. In Supreme Court Rule 202.1(a), strike all language designated as Supreme Court Rule 202.1(a)(2) and re-designate the remaining language as Supreme Court Rule 202.1(a)(1), because the sixty (60) day amnesty period provided for in Rule 202.1(a)(2) has already expired.
2. In Supreme Court Rule 202.1(d)(2)(ii), by striking the phrase “Rule 202.1(c)(1)” and replacing it with the phrase “Rule 202.1(d)(2)(1)”.
3. In Supreme Court Rule 202.1(d)(3), by striking the phrase “Rule 202.1(c)(2)” and replacing it with the phrase “Rule 202.1(d)(2),” and inserting the phrase “or any pro bono panel established by the Virgin Islands Judiciary,” after the phrase “Access to Justice Commission”.
4. In Supreme Court Rule 202.1(h), by striking the phrase “Rule 202.1(e)” in the first sentence and replacing it with the phrase “Rule 202.1(g)(1), (3) or (4)”.

5. In Supreme Court Rule 202.1(h), by striking the phrase “Rule 202.1(f)” in the last sentence and replacing it with the phrase “Rule 202.1(h)”.

It is further

**ORDERED** that Supreme Court Rule 202.2(g) be **AMENDED** by striking the phrase “Rule 202.1(e)” and replacing it with the phrase “Rule 202.2(f)(2)-(3)”. It is further

**ORDERED** that Supreme Court Rule 202.3 be **AMENDED** in the following instances:

1. In Supreme Court Rule 202.3(a)(2)(A), insert the following language at the conclusion of the existing language: “unless the individual has been subsequently admitted to the bar in that jurisdiction and is currently in good standing”.
2. In Supreme Court Rule 202.3(b)(4), by striking the phrase “the ‘Supervising Attorney’” and replacing it with the phrase “a ‘Supervising Attorney’”.
3. In Supreme Court Rule 202.3(f), by striking the phrase “Rule 202.1.3(c)” and replacing it with the phrase “Rule 202.3(c)”.

**ORDERED** that Supreme Court Rule 204(f) is **AMENDED** in the following instances:

1. By inserting the following new language between the existing second and third sentences of the first paragraph: “For purposes of grading the Essay exam, the MEE shall be weighed at 60% while the MPT shall be weighed at 40%.”
2. By inserting the following new language as the last sentence of the first paragraph: “When calculating a combined score for the MBE and essay portions, the MBE shall be weighed at 50%, the MEE shall be weighed at 30%, and the MPT shall be weighed at 20%.”

It is further

**ORDERED** that Supreme Court Rule 204(i) is **AMENDED** by designating all existing language as Supreme Court Rule 204(i)(2) and inserting the following new language as Supreme Court Rule 204(i)(1):

The Committee of Bar Examiners, subject to the approval of the Supreme Court, may require applicants who have passed the bar examination to complete a Virgin Islands Law Course (VILC) on important and unique aspects of Virgin Islands law that are not tested on the Virgin Islands Bar Examination. The VILC, if required, shall be developed by the Committee of Bar Examiners, which may invoke the assistance of the Virgin Islands Bar Association and its Continuing Legal Education Committee, and which may be assessed by a multiple-choice or other examination.

It is further

**ORDERED** that, because these amendments are being adopted in response to public comments on prior proposed rules, these amendments are **HEREBY ADOPTED and WILL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY**. It is further

**ORDERED** that copies of this order be directed to the appropriate parties.

**SO ORDERED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

/s/ Ive Arlington Swan  
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Associate Justice

/s/ Maria M. Cabret  
**MARIA M. CABRET**  
Associate Justice

/s/ Rhys S. Hodge  
**RHYS S. HODGE**  
Chief Justice

**ATTEST:**  
**VERONICA J. HANDY, ESQ.**  
Clerk of the Court