

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

**IN RE:** ) **PROMULGATION No. 2015-003**  
**AMENDMENTS TO SUPREME COURT** )  
**RULE 204** )  
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**ORDER OF THE COURT**

This Court, pursuant to the authority granted to it by section 21(c) of the Revised Organic Act of 1954, as amended, and title 4, sections 32(e), 32(f)(2), and 34(a) of the Virgin Islands Code, as well as its inherent authority, hereby proposes the following amendments to Supreme Court Rule 204, relating to the composition of the Virgin Islands Bar Examination. Accordingly, it is hereby

**ORDERED** that Supreme Court Rule 204(e) **SHALL BE AMENDED** in the following instances:

1. Striking the phrase “Local Law Essay Examination” and inserting in its place the phrase “Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) and Multistate Performance Test (MPT) (collectively the ‘Essay exam’)”; and
2. Striking the phrase “day following the MBE exam” and inserting in its place the phrase “day before the MBE exam”.

It is further

**ORDERED** that, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 37, the public as well as members of the local Bench and bar **MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS** on these proposed amendments to the Clerk of the Court within thirty (30) days of entry of this order. It is further

**ORDERED** that, unless modified as a result of any submitted comments, the proposed amendments **SHALL TAKE EFFECT** on March 1, 2016, and commence with the July 2016

administration of the Virgin Islands Bar Examination. It is further

**ORDERED** that, unless the proposed amendments to Rule 204(e) are modified as a result of any submitted comments, the Court **SHALL CONSIDER**, at a future date, corresponding amendments to other Supreme Court Rules, such as Rules 204(f) and 204(g), in order to implement the changes to Rule 204(e). It is further

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

**SO ORDERED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

/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