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The Chief Justice of the Virgin Islands, Honorable Rhys S. Hodge, and the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands, Honorable Harold W.L. Willocks congratulate the Honorable Robert A. Molloy on the execution of his Commission of Office to serve as a United States District Court Judge for the District Court of the Virgin Islands on April 17, 2020, by President Donald J. Trump.

Judge Molloy was nominated in 2013 to serve a six-year term as a Superior Court Judge by former Governor John P. deJongh, Jr. Following the administrative unification of the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands and the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands in 2016, Judge Molloy served as an inaugural member of the Judicial Management Advisory Council, and first as a member and subsequent Chair of the Advisory Committee on Rules for the Judiciary, which undertook comprehensive rule revision and reform projects. In 2018, with the establishment of a Complex Litigation Division, Judge Molloy volunteered to be the first Judge assigned to that Division to address thousands of decades-old mass tort and other civil cases. In approximately 18 months, Judge Molloy successfully disposed of hundreds of those cases and leaves behind a well-developed and organized Complex Litigation Division for his successor.

While Judge Molloy’s six-year term as a Superior Court Judge ended on October 18, 2019, in accordance with the provisions of 4 V.I.C §72(a), he continued to serve for an additional 180 days until April 15, 2020, the effective date of his retirement from service to the Virgin Islands Judiciary. On April 17, 2020, President Trump signed his commission of office.

On behalf of the Judicial Branch of the Virgin Islands, we thank Judge Molloy for his many contributions to the territorial judiciary and wish him much success in his new position as Judge of the United States District Court of the Virgin Islands.

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