



April 29, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE 2021-0001

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON REAPPOINTMENT OF SUPERIOR COURT
MAGISTRATE JUDGE HON. MIGUEL A. CAMACHO**

Honorable Harold W. L. Willocks, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands, announces to the general public and the members of the Virgin Islands Bar Association that in the judicial district of St. Croix, the current term of Superior Court Magistrate Judge, Hon. Miguel A. Camacho, is set to expire on June 29, 2021.

Pursuant to 4 V.I.C. § 122(a), the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands is required to seek input from the public regarding the reappointment of a Magistrate Judge. Accordingly, in addition to the 60-day notice of the expiration of the term, notice is also hereby provided on the commencement of a 30-day comment period.

Specifically, during the next 30 days, the public and members of the Virgin Islands Bar Association are directed to submit any comments regarding the reappointment of Magistrate Judge Camacho in writing to the attention of Presiding Judge, Hon. Harold W. L. Willocks. All comments must be submitted **NO LATER** than May 29, 2021 to:

Hon. Harold W. L. Willocks
Superior Court of the Virgin Islands
R. H. Amphlett Leader Justice Complex **or** pcappointments@vicourts.org
9000 Estate Kingshill
Kingshill, Virgin Islands 00850-9655

Pursuant to 4 V.I.C. § 123, Magistrate Judges administer oaths and affirmations; issue civil and criminal process, including warrants of arrest, search warrants, subpoenas, and orders (release on bail, for detention of persons pending trial and contempt); take acknowledgments, affidavits and depositions; conduct marriages; hear all non-felony traffic offenses, litter cases, misdemeanor criminal cases up to 364 days imprisonment); conduct arraignment and probable cause hearings in any criminal or traffic offense matter; hear small claims cases, probate matters, and civil cases where the amount in controversy does not exceed \$75,000; issue temporary and permanent restraining orders in domestic violence cases; and, hear forcible entry and detainer and landlord and tenant actions. In addition, Magistrate Judges may be designated by a Superior Court judge to hear and determine any pretrial matter pending before the court; conduct evidentiary and other hearings to submit proposed findings of fact and recommendations for disposition by a Superior Court judge; conduct all proceedings in a jury or non-jury civil matter upon consent by the litigants; and perform such other duties as conferred or imposed by law.

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