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Dear Atty. Baker:

Permit me to offer my unreserved recommendation for Yvette Ross-Edwards Esq. in support of her nomination to the judicial system of the United States Virgin Islands.

I am the Rt. Rev. E. Ambrose Gumbs, recently retired Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of the Virgin Islands (US and British). During my term as Bishop Diocesan, I have known Attorney Yvette Ross-Edwards as a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Frederiksted since her birth and has served in several key positions there. For example, she has served on the Vestry, the Governing board of the church, represented her church as delegate to a total of Four Diocesan conventions, taught Sunday School, chaired their Patronal Festival celebrations, and led the Church's youth Group.

When the position of Lay Regional Dean for the St. Croix district suddenly became vacant, in 2016, Attorney Ross did not hesitate to rise to the challenge, and she served their Deanery with distinction. Her dedication and thoughtfulness were evident throughout her tenure. She left that position to become the Diocese's Church attorney. During her tenure in those top positions in the Diocese, I found Attorney Ross to be a trustworthy woman of excellence and integrity. Having served as a Deputy to several General Conventions of the Episcopal Church, Attorney Ross now serves in the prominent position of Vice chair of the Title 1V Committee, (a committee relating to ethics and clergy behaviour) in the entire Episcopal Church.

Additionally, Attorney Ross has served her community through her position as an attorney for over 31 years in the local and federal courts of the United States Virgin Islands.

She started her own practice in 2004, and it is noteworthy that in her community minded spirit, she provides free legal assistance to Virgin Islands farmers, legal support to the St. Croix Farmers in Action, Inc., and legal support for disability advocacy. Presently, Attorney Ross serves on the Ethics and Grievance Committee of the Virgin Islands Bar Association.

I am confident that Attorney Ross would be an excellent fit for upholding the law. This creative and passionate individual will undoubtedly be a productive addition to our Virgin Islands Judicial system.

Yours Truly yours
E. Ambrose Gumbs

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