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EXPERIENCE:

Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the U.S. Virgin Islands District of St. Thomas & St. John

March 2020 (re-appointed) to present

Administrative Judge of the Superior Court
(Appointed for a 3-year term effective September 11, 2025)

Member, Judicial Management Advisor Council
(Re-appointed for 2-year term effective September 30, 2025)

Member, Virgin Islands Commission of Judicial Conduct
(Appointed for a 4-year term: 9/1/2025 – 8/31/2029)

Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the U.S. Virgin Islands District of St. Thomas & St. John

October 2013 to March 2020

General jurisdiction trial judge presiding over criminal and civil actions, both jury and non-jury, including habeas corpus actions, extraditions, appeals from Government agencies, appeals from Magistrate Division of the Superior Court.

Chairperson of V.I. Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Rules of Civil Procedure

Member of Virgin Islands Judicial Management Advisory Council
(September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2024)

Designated Justice of Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands

Presided over criminal hearing in District Court of the Virgin Islands in place of U.S. Magistrate Judge

Managing Partner

Hodge & Francois, St. Thomas, VI
April 1991 to October 2013

American Mediation Institute, St. Thomas, VI
Certified mediator

EDUCATION:

National Judicial College, Reno, NV | 2014-2019

- General Jurisdiction (completed with distinction)
- Logic and Opinion Writing
- Advanced Evidence
- Fourth Amendment: Comprehensive Search and Seizure Training for Judges

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EDUCATION:

University of San Diego School of Law, San Diego, California

- Juris Doctor Degree

Amherst College, Amherst Massachusetts

- Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

Bar Memberships:

Virgin Islands Bar

- Board of Governors
- President of Virgin Islands Bar Association
- V.I. Bar Association President's Award of Outstanding Service

District Court of the Virgin Islands

United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

State Bar of California