

# CAROLYN P. HERMON-PERCELL

## EDUCATION

### **Case Western Reserve University School of Law**

Cleveland, OH

Juris Doctor, May 1995

Honors: Dean's List; Banks-Baldwin Clinical Program Award

### **University of the Virgin Islands**

St. Thomas, VI

Master of Public Administration, May 1992

### **Georgetown University**

Washington, DC

Bachelor of Arts (American Government), August 1983

## ADMISSIONS

Superior Court of the Virgin Islands (*inactive status*)

District Court of the Virgin Islands (*inactive status*)

United States Court of the Appeals for the Third Circuit (*inactive status*)

## EXPERIENCE

### **Commissioner**

#### **Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission**

St. Croix, VI

March 24, 2022-Present

Upon nomination by the Honorable Albert Bryan, Jr., Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands, and unanimous confirmation by the 34<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the U.S. Virgin Islands, serve as one of three Commissioners charged with the licensure and regulation of the casino industry in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Use analytical and writing skills and prior legal experience to work collaboratively with colleagues and staff, agency partners, licensees, and other stakeholders to determine matters pertaining to the economic viability and integrity of the industry while maintaining public confidence and trust.

### **Magistrate Judge**

#### **Superior Court of the Virgin Islands**

St. Thomas-St. John Division

November 13, 2013-November 16, 2021

Used knowledge of Virgin Islands Code, court rules and procedures and the ability to analyze testimonial and documentary evidence and to

research case precedents and other relevant material to make cogent decisions, whether orally or in writing, while impartially presiding over: initial appearance hearings, including those for defendants charged with first degree murder, for determining probable cause and establishing bail and pre-trial release conditions; arraignments; misdemeanor criminal cases where the maximum punishment is not more than six months of imprisonment; small claims; forcible entry and detainer; probate; domestic violence; stalking/harassment; and non-felony traffic cases. Reviewed applications for and issued arrest and search warrants. Conducted marriages. Handled others matters as designated by the Presiding Judge. Supervised and directed chambers staff.

- Voting Member, Magistrate Judge at-large, Virgin Islands Judicial Management Advisory Council, August 2015-November 2021 (*appointed by the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands*)
- Member, Virgin Islands Judicial Conference Planning Committee, 2019 (*appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands*)
- Member, Commission of Judicial Conduct, Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands, August 2016-August 2020 (*selected by the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands and appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands*)

Recognition: Recipient of 2016 President's Award  
Virgin Islands Bar Association

**Law Offices of Percell & Hermon-Percell, P.C.**

St. Thomas, VI

August 1997-November 2013

Partnered in a transactional law firm (two attorneys) with practice focused on corporate law, commercial law, administrative law, wills and probate, real estate transactions and family law. Developed an expertise in Virgin Islands probate law (Virgin Islands Code, title 15) and procedures. As the managing attorney, was responsible for the daily and business operations of the firm.

**Superior Court of the Virgin Islands**

St. Thomas, VI

August 1995-August 1997

Law Clerk. Engaged in extensive legal research and writing projects. Worked directly with associate judge (Honorable Soraya Diase) on several published opinions. Gained insight into judicial decision-making and court processes.

**Superior Court of the Virgin Islands**

St. Thomas, VI

June-August 1993

Summer Law Clerk. Researched and drafted orders for associate judge (Honorable Ishmael Meyers). Regularly discussed issues with judge and law clerks. Gained insight into judicial decision-making and court processes.

**Legislature of the Virgin Islands**

St. Thomas, VI

October 1983-August 1992

Held several positions including Legal Intern, Administrative Assistant and Researcher to the Committee on Public Works and Planning, the Committee on Government Operations and the Committee on Rules.

Used organizational and administrative skills to work directly with senators in establishing procedures of operation for legislative committees and offices. As primary committee staff person, had primary responsibility for setting agendas, scheduling meetings and maintaining detailed records of the numerous items considered during the legislative term. Worked extensively with the Virgin Islands Code and other statutory material. Studied and reported on legislative proposals. Drafted resolutions and bills introduced to the body. Enhanced oral communication skills while acting as senator's representative, including serving as a designee to the Medical Assistance Advisory Committee (Medicaid), Virgin Islands Department of Health. Used written communication skills in regular preparation of correspondence, speeches, press releases and other documents.

**Law School Clinic**

Case Western Reserve University School of Law

Cleveland, OH Fall Semester 1994

Law School Clinic Intern (*course for credit*). Served as legal counsel in three civil cases and one criminal case. Researched and authored pleadings, including an appellate brief to the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, Cleveland, Ohio. Represented client at criminal pretrial under supervision of senior attorney. Gained direct experience in client contact, case development, pretrial procedures, and law practice management. Improved legal analysis and writing through detailed critiques from senior attorneys.

**PROFESSIONAL  
MEMBERSHIPS**

American Bar Association (1998-Present)

Fellows of the American Bar Foundation (American Bar Association)  
(2010-Present)

**COMMUNITY  
ACTIVITIES**

Presenter at seminars on wills, probate, estate planning (*private practice*)  
President of Congregation and Council, Frederick Evangelical Lutheran  
Church, Inc. (March-October 2013, April 2023-Present)  
President of Board of Directors, Ebenezer Gardens Housing (Lutheran  
Social Services of the Virgin Islands, Inc.) (2008-2013)  
Member, St. Thomas-St. John Friends of Denmark Society (2014-2021)

**REFERENCES**

Professional and personal available upon request.