

**JESSICA GALLIVAN**

**Education:**

**Juris Doctor, May 1995**

**Southern Methodist University (SMU) Dedman School of Law**  
Dallas, Texas

**Master of Business Administration (MBA), May 1992**

University of the Virgin Islands

**Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, May 1987**

University of the Virgin Islands

**Major: Business Administration, Finance Concentration**

**Work Experience:**

**- Judge, Superior Court of the Virgin Islands**

May 2019 - Present

**Professional appointment to the judiciary of the Virgin Islands overseeing legal proceedings in the Family Division of the Superior Court – St. Croix Division. Hear and determine juvenile, divorce, annulment, and separation proceedings; grant adoptions and changes of name; establish paternity to legitimize children; adjudicate guardianship proceedings for minors and incapacitated persons; adjudicate involuntary commitment petitions; administer child abuse and neglect proceedings; adjudicate appeals from administrative support proceedings; and adjudicate appeals from the Magistrate Division in domestic violence and probate proceedings.**

**Magistrate Judge, Superior Court of the Virgin Islands**

June 2009 - May 2019

Professional appointment to the judiciary overseeing legal proceedings in the Magistrate Division of the Superior Court, St. Croix Division. Administered oaths and affirmations, issued civil and criminal processes, including orders for release and detention. Heard non-felony traffic offenses, litter, and misdemeanor criminal matters. Made probable cause determinations, conducted advise of rights proceedings and arraignment in criminal matters, including misdemeanor and felony arrests. Heard small claims, probate, civil protection and domestic violence proceedings, and landlord/tenant matters. Heard other matters, including habeas and general civil matters as designated by the presiding judge.

### Chief Labor Negotiator

Office of Collective Bargaining

February 2007 – June 2009

Cabinet-level appointment with direct report to the then Governor of the Virgin Islands, requiring the advice and consent of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands. Negotiated all labor agreements and contracts and represented the Government of the Virgin Islands in all labor matters, including

litigation, arbitration, and mediation. Appeared before administrative agencies and boards including the Public Employees Relations Board (PERB) in defense of the Government's position. Oversaw all administrative and operational functions of the Office of Collective Bargaining, supervised attorney appointments to the Office of Collective Bargaining from the V.I. Department of Justice.

**Associate, Law Offices of Michael Sanford**

June 2004 – February 2007

Professional work as an associate attorney in a small, but busy law practice that predominantly handled insurance defense and labor matters. Assumed all court appointments to criminal cases, including assault, unlawful possession of weapons, drugs, and first-degree murder, along with Family Court appointments.

**Senior Assistant Attorney General, V.I. Department of Justice**      June 1998 – June 2004

Professional work as an attorney of the Virgin Islands Department of Justice, assigned to the Office of Collective Bargaining. Represented the Government of the Virgin Islands in labor matters, including litigation, arbitration, mediation and administrative proceedings before administrative boards and agencies, including the Public Employees Relations Board (PERB). Supported the then Chief Labor Negotiator during labor negotiations.

**Law Clerk, Honorable Ishamel A. Meyers**  
Territorial Court of the Virgin Islands

Sept. 1996 – February 1998

Drafted legal memoranda, opinions, and orders on a variety of issues in criminal, civil, and family court matters. Served as a mediator for small claims cases.

**Legal Assistant, Law Office of Andrew L. Capdeville**

Summer, 1993, Sept. 1995- 1996

Drafted legal memoranda, motions, pleadings, and researched a variety of issues for a small but busy litigation firm.

**Bar Admissions:**

State Bar of Texas

November 1995

Virgin Islands Bar

September 1996

Third Circuit Court of Appeals

December 1996

**Other:**

Commission on Judicial Conduct, Former Vice-Chairperson and Member

Certified Mediator and Arbitrator

Former Member, Advisory Committee on Rules

Former Member, VI Bar Grievance and Ethics Committee

Former Member, Board of Directors, West Indian Company, Ltd.

**Personal and Professional References:**

Hon. Associate Justice Harold W.L. Willocks

Hon. Judge Robert A. Molloy

Hon. Iver A. Stridiron, Former Attorney General of the Virgin Islands  
Hon. Patricia D. Steele, Retired Judge  
Attorney Douglas Capdeville