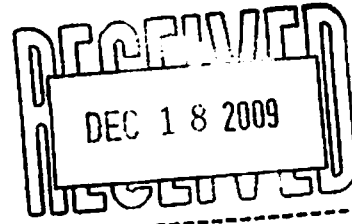


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN RE:

PROMULGATION No. 2009-001

**ADOPTION OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
RULES FOR JUDICIAL DISCIPLINARY
ENFORCEMENT.**



NOTICE OF ENTRY OF JUDGMENT/ORDER

TO:

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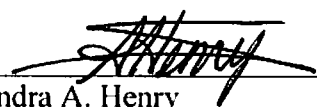
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Please take notice that on December 15, 2009 an **ORDER** dated December 10, 2009 was entered by the Clerk in the above-entitled matter.

Dated: December 15, 2009

VERONICA J. HANDY, ESQ.
Clerk of the Court

By: _____


Sandra A. Henry
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ORDER

Although the regulation of judicial conduct in the Virgin Islands is critical to preserving the integrity of the Virgin Islands’s judiciary and enhancing public confidence in the judicial system, the recent decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in *Kendall v. Russell*, 572 F.3d 126 (3d Cir. 2009), which nullified the Virgin Islands Commission on Judicial Disabilities established by Act 3876 and codified at 4 V.I.C. §§ 651-59, has left the Virgin Islands without a mechanism to discipline judicial officers of the Virgin Islands. Accordingly, this Court, pursuant to its inherent authority and the authority granted to it by section 21(c) of the Revised Organic Act of 1954, as amended, and title 4, sections 32(b), 32(e), 32(f)(2) and 34(a) of the Virgin Islands Code, hereby adopts Supreme Court Rule 209, titled the “Virgin Islands Rules for Judicial Disciplinary Enforcement,” attached hereto as Exhibit A, as the rule governing the discipline of judicial officers of the Virgin Islands. Rule 209 shall take effect on January 1, 2010, and shall remain in effect unless modified as a result of comments from the local Bench, the public, and the local bar.

Accordingly, it is hereby

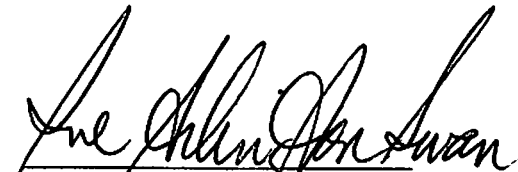
ORDERED that Supreme Court Rule 209 **WILL TAKE EFFECT** on January 1, 2010, and **SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT** unless modified as a result of comments from the public

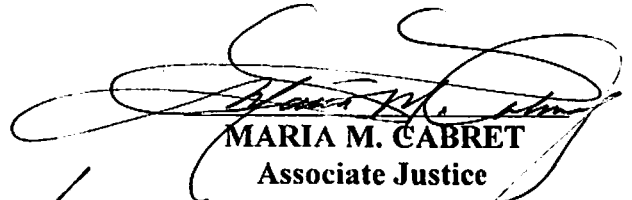
and the local Bench and bar. It is further

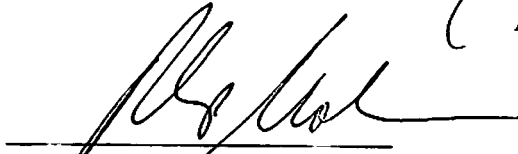
ORDERED that, pursuant to V.I.S.C.T.R. 37, the public as well as members of the local Bench and bar **MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS** on these proposed rules to the Clerk of the Court within sixty (60) days of entry of this order. It is further

ORDERED that copies of this order be directed to the appropriate parties.

SO ORDERED this 10th day of December, 2009.


IVE ARLINGTON SWAN
Associate Justice


MARIA M. CABRET
Associate Justice


RHYS S. HODGE
Chief Justice

ATTEST:

VERONICA J. HANDY, ESQ.
Clerk of the Court

By: 
Deputy Clerk

Dated: December 10, 2009

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY

Date: December 15, 2009
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