



New Appointments:

- Pamela Tepper, Chair
Unauthorized Practice of Law
- Chad Messier
Ethics & Grievance Committee
St. Thomas Panel



Save the Dates:

- **May 25-27, 2007**
Almeric L. Christian
Tennis Tournament
- **June 20, 2007** 2nd
Quarterly Membership
Meeting.
- **August 9-14, 2007**
ABA Annual Meeting
San Francisco, CA
- **September 19, 2007**
3rd Quarterly Member-
ship Meeting
- **November 11, 2007**
Almeric L. Christian
Golf Tournament
- **December 14,**
2007 Annual
Meeting



Bankruptcy Training



Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act Seminar for Attorneys is being presented by the Office of the U.S. Trustee.

Felicia S. Turner, United States Trustee, Region 21 and
Guy G. Gebhardt, Assistant United States Trustee

Monday, April 9, 2007, 4:00 pm

Ron de Lugo Federal Building
Veterans Drive, St. Thomas, VI
Jury Assembly Room, 3rd Floor

To register, please contact the Bankruptcy Division on the District Court of the Virgin Islands at (340) 774-8311.

Notice Inviting Comment

The District Court of the Virgin Islands Division of St. Thomas and St. John proposes amendments to Local Rules 12.1 and 56.1 and the creation of a new Local Rule 5.4 (please see attachment).

Such comment may be submitted to the Clerk of Court in writing or may be made orally at public hearings at the District Court **on April 12, 2007 at 12:00 noon**, in the visiting judge's chambers in St. Thomas and in the Magistrate's courtroom on St. Croix.

These amendments will take effect on April 13, 2007 and will remain in effect unless modified as a result of such comment from the public and bar.

Dues Increase

In accordance with the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands' Order No. 2007-024, Petition for Approval of Change in Annual Dues Structure, fees for active members shall be increased from \$125.00 to \$200.00 and fees for inactive members shall be increased from \$100.00 to \$150.00. **This increase will take effect for 2008 dues.** 2008 dues invoices will be sent out October 1, 2007.

Blurbs

- * We had a successful first quarterly membership meeting last Wednesday, March 21st, and would like to thank our guest speakers: Chief Justice Rhys S. Hodge and U.S. Magistrate Judge, George W. Cannon Jr., and members who were in attendance. Congrats to Attorney Michael Fitzsimmons on winning the door prize, a set of books from LexisNexis.
- * We are hoping to have a happy hour event on each island with visiting judges.
- * We are working on resurrecting legislation to make Federal Rules of Evidence the rules of Superior Court while preserving local privileges.
- * We are still working with the Court on MCLE and a CJA panel for the Superior Court.

Notice / Friendly Reminder

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Almeric L. Christian Tennis Tournament is scheduled for **May 25-27, 2007** at the Buccaneer Hotel Tennis Club and is **open to everyone**. \$25.00 P/P for one event; \$35.00 P/P for two events.

Category: Men's Doubles (A) Men's Doubles (B) Women's Doubles (A)
Women's Doubles (B) Women's Doubles (C) Mixed Doubles Open

For more info Call the Bar office at (340) 778-7497.

NEW WEBSITE

The new VI Bar website is now accessible at <http://www.vibar.org>. Please note that some modules are still under construction and we are doing our best to make it available to you as soon as possible. If there is something you would like to see on the website that is not there, send us your recommendations by emailing vibarassociation@gmail.com.

We are inviting law firms to advertise on our new website, if you are interested please contact the Bar office at (340) 778-7497 for Ad rates.

CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

In accordance with the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands' Promulgation Order No. 07-001, as amended, all requests for Certificates of Good Standing should be directed to the Clerk of the Supreme Court. A check in the amount of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) made payable to "Clerk of Court" should accompany all requests.

If you have an announcement that you would like to see included in the VIBA-News, please contact Hinda Carbon, Executive Director of the VIBA, at vibarassociation@gmail.com or call her at (340) 778-7497.



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