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**GEOFFREY W. BARNARD RETIREMENT FROM THE BENCH**

ST. THOMAS, VI, March 9, 2010 -The Virgin Islands Bar Association announced Tuesday that it will host a reception for its members on March 17, 2010 at 6:45 p.m. at the Grande Cru Restaurant to honor Geoffrey W. Barnard, U.S. Magistrate Judge of the District Court of the Virgin Islands. Judge Barnard will be retiring from the bench as a U.S. Magistrate Judge of the District Court of the U.S. Virgin Islands, effective March 22, 2010.

Judge Barnard was appointed Clerk of the Court on March 9, 1982, appointed Clerk of Court/Part-Time Magistrate Judge on March 22, 1982, appointed full time Magistrate Judge on March 24, 1986, reappointed on March 24, 1994 and reappointed again on March 24, 2002.