



Office of the Governor
United States Virgin Islands

**QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR
GOVERNOR'S NOMINEE FOR
DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.

- 1) **ALL** questions must be fully and correctly answered and returned to the Office of Legal Counsel **within seven (7) business days of your receipt of the Questionnaire.**
- 2) Do not submit a resume instead of this Questionnaire.
- 3) If more than the allotted space on this form is required for a complete and full answer, please attach as many additional 8½ x 11 sheets as may be needed. At the top of each additional sheet put your name, "Office of the Governor, Office of Legal Counsel", and then reference the question number before each answer.
- 4) **The Questionnaire is in PDF Format. Please complete all responses clearly in black font color. Responses are NOT to be handwritten.**
- 5) Please do not hesitate to call the Office of Legal Counsel at Government House at (340) 774-0001 if you have any questions concerning this Questionnaire.

NOMINEE'S NAME: VENETIA HARVEY VELAZQUEZ

SECTION I: BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

1. NAME: (Last)	(First)	(Middle)	(Other)	
VELAZQUEZ	VENETIA	HARVEY		
2. SOCIAL SECURITY:				
3. ADDRESS:				
Mailing:				
Residential: Christiansted VI 00821				
Business: Superior Court of the Virgin Islands, 9000 Estate Kingshill, VI 00850				
E-Mail: venetia.velazquez@vicourts.org				
Phone Number(s) – _____ (Cell) _____ (Home)				
4. Length of Residence in the Virgin Islands: 40 + years				
5. Date of Birth:				
6. Place of Birth: St. Croix, USVI				
7. Marital Status: ☒ Married ☐ Single ☐ Widowed ☐ Divorced				
8. Full Name of Spouse: Herminio Velazquez				
Mailing & Residential Address:				
Business, Name & Address: n/a				
9. EDUCATION				
Institution	Dates Attended	Degree Received	Date Received	Certifications
Howard University	12/1981 - 05/1985	Bachelor of Arts	May 1985	
University of the Virgin Islands	08/1990 - 05/1994	Master of Arts	May 1994	
Howard University School of Law	08/1997 - 05/2000	Juris Doctor	May 2000	
University of South FL-Conflict Resolution Collaborative	2012		2012	Family Mediator - FL Supreme Court
USF - Conflict Resolution Collab.	2012		2012	Appellate Mediator
National Judicial College	10/15/2023 - 10/20/2023		Oct. 2023	Judicial Academy for Aspiring Judges
National Judicial College	March -April 2025		April 10, 2025	General Jurisdiction
National Center for State Courts	2008 -2009		Nov. 20, 2009	Certified Court Manager

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10. EMPLOYMENT RECORD: Please list, in chronological order, your complete employment record for the past ten (10) years, beginning with the present or most recent position.
[Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number]

Employer	Dates of Employment	Position	Address/Phone #	Supervisor
Superior Court of the Virgin Islands	Nov. 4, 2024 - present	Magistrate Judge	(340) 778-9750	Hon. Jessica Gallivan,
V.I. Department of Justice	April 2016 - Oct. 18, 2024	Assistant Attorney	(340) 773-0295; 774-5666	Hon. Gordon Rhea, Attorney
University of the Virgin Islands	2015-2024	Adjunct Instructor	(340) 692-4110	Dr. Kimarie Engerman, Dean
Office of the Governor	Feb. 2015 - April 2016	Deputy General		Emile Henderson, Esq.

11. GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE:

A. List all federal, state, territorial or local government services, giving dates and type of service such as employee, boards, commissions, executive, legislative or judicial branches, consultant, voluntary service, part-time or honorary. [Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number]

B. List and attach a copy of all service contracts you have held independently or been a party to with the Government of the Virgin Islands.

See Additional Sheet, Attached

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12. BUSINESSES AND FINANCIAL INTEREST: List all businesses (for profit or not for profit), real estate and trusts in which you have at least a 10% interest or control of assets or serve as an officer or member of a board with voting rights. [Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number]

LPTI, LLC (Legal Professionals Training Institute) (2016)

13. QUALIFICATIONS: What in your opinion qualifies you to serve the People of the Virgin Islands in the position which the Governor has nominated you?

SEE ATTACHED SHEET

SECTION II: HONORS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

14. MEMBERSHIPS: List all memberships and offices held in professional, fraternal, scholarly, civic, charitable, and other organizations.

Howard Law Journal (Member); Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. (Member); Board of Professional Responsibility (Supreme Court); American Legion Auxiliary Post 102; V.I. Bar Association (Chair, Legislation and Law Reform Committee; Trustee, Bar Foundation; Judge, Moot Court; Chair, Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee; Chair and Member, Bar Journal)
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15. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, TRUSTS, ETC.: List all government or private sector boards, trusts, or fiduciary responsible positions on which you have served or are now serving.

High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Board (on behalf of the Attorney General) -2016-2018
Peace Officer Standards & Training (on behalf of the AG)-2016-2018
Board of Professional Responsibility (appointed by the Supreme Court, 2024)
V.I. Bar Foundation, Trustee (2018-2020)

16. HONORS AND AWARDS: List all scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, honor society memberships, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievement.

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SEE ADDITIONAL SHEET

17. PUBLISHED WRITINGS: List all titles, publishers and dates of books, articles, reports, or other published materials you have written.

I have written a number of articles to promote the interests of the legal community and the
V.I. Bar Association, which were published in the local media and/or the Bar Journal. I
have also reported on current events in news articles, as a journalist, prior to 1990.
Due to several storms, I am unable to provide copies of those articles.

SECTION III: CHARACTER

18. Have you ever been the subject of a grand jury, police, and department of justice or any legally constituted government authority, investigation anywhere or at anytime?
___ YES X NO

If your answer is yes, please explain with details including date and location. [Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number]

19. Have you ever been arrested in any geographical location for any offense, including traffic violations? ___ YES X NO

If yes, please explain with details including offense, date of location and disposition. [Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number]

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- 20.** Have you ever been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor? ☐ YES ☒ NO
If yes, please explain with details including offense, date, location, and current status. [Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number]

- 21.** Is there now or has there ever been a judgment entered against you? ☐ YES ☒ NO
If the answer is yes, please explain with details on date, location and disposition or current status. [Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number]

- 22.** Have you ever been a respondent in any labor dispute or discrimination proceeding?
☐ YES ☒ NO

If the answer is yes, please explain with details on date, location and disposition or current status. [Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number]

- 23.** Have you ever been named as a party in any hearing, administrative, civil, and criminal, including Equal Employment Opportunity or sexual harassment? ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain in detail, giving date, venue, agency, and the names of the other parties and the disposition. [Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number]

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24. Have you now or have you ever been a member of an organization or an associate of an individual advocating terrorism, overthrow of a government by force or the advocacy or subordination of any ethnic group or individuals? ☐ YES ☒ NO

If the answer is yes, please give details of dates, names of organizations, names of individuals and all pertinent circumstances. [Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number]

25. Do you know of any individual, organization or group, which can be expected to oppose your nomination? ☐ YES ☒ NO

If the answer is yes, please list the individuals, organizations or groups by name and give the details of your belief for their opposition. [Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number]

26. Do you have any outstanding and delinquent monetary obligations to the Government of the Virgin Islands or any other public or private entity, including but not limited to, personal income taxes, business taxes, real property taxes (commercial or residential), business license renewals, trade name renewals, annual reporting fees, professional organization dues, child support, judgments, debt

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Government of the Virgin Islands, includes but is not limited to the following departments, agencies and instrumentalities: the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Tax Assessor, Department of Justice Division of Paternity and Child Support, Board of Education, Economic Development Authority, U. S. Small Business Administration, Small Business Development Center, Police Department, Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs, the Water and Power Authority, the Waste Management Authority, Department of Health, Department of Human Services

____ YES X NO

If the answer is yes, please attach a detailed explanation of what outstanding and delinquent monetary obligations are owed, the reason for the delinquency, and the intended plan to bring the matter current.

SECTION IV: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

27. Please explain your understanding of "Conflict of Interest" as it applies to the position to which you have been nominated to serve the People of the Virgin Islands.

Conflict of interest refers to any matter/issue in which a judge stands to personally benefit
and which could, therefore, improperly influence the judge's decision-making or create the
appearance of impropriety.

28. Do you own a business or real estate, or are you a partner or shareholder or affiliated in any way to sell or provide goods or services to the Virgin Islands Government?

____ YES X NO

If the answer is yes, please explain and give the name and location of these interest(s) and how you promise to remove yourself from any possible conflict. [Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary, and reference this question number]

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29. Does any close relative or spouse have a business or real estate interest(s) as described in question 25? YES X NO

If the answer is yes, please explain and give the name and location of these interest(s) and how you propose to remove yourself from any possible conflict. (Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary.)

SECTION V: JOB PERFORMANCE

30. In no more than 150 words, please outline in priority order your four (4) specific short-term and four (4) specific long-term goals and objectives you would employ to achieve the entity's purpose and improve its service delivery system if your nomination is confirmed for this position.

SEE ATTACHED SHEET

31. Is there any additional information that you believe would assist the Committee on Rules and the Judiciary in processing your nomination expeditiously?

I look forward to meeting with the members of this body and answering any additional questions or addressing any concerns you may have, and I thank you for the opportunity to do so.

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CERTIFICATION:

This is to certify and affirm that all the statements contained herein and in any supporting documents or schedules or other such supporting documents or schedules executed at a later date as a part or addendum to this document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and are made in good faith.

Signed this 5th day of November 2025

Venetia H. Velazquez

Nominee's Name [Print Clearly]


Signature of Nominee

Sworn and subscribed before me this 6th day of November 2025



Notary Public of the U.S. Virgin Islands

[seal]

My commission expires: ex-officio

