



**THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
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April 11, 2023

**VIA HAND-DELIVERY**

Honorable Novelle E. Francis, Jr.  
Senate President  
Thirty-Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands  
Capitol Building  
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00802

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**Re: Governor's Nomination of Yvette D. Ross-Edwards, Esq.  
to the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands, District of St. Croix**

Dear Senate President Francis:

In accordance with the provisions of Title 4, Chapter 5, Section 72 of the Virgin Islands Code, I hereby nominate Yvette D. Ross-Edwards, Esq. to the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands for the District of St. Croix. The term of the appointment is six (6) years.

Accordingly, it is my pleasure to ask the advice and consent of the Legislature on this nomination. A copy of Mrs. Ross-Edwards resume is enclosed for your review.

Your prompt and favorable confirmation will enhance the Superior Court's ability to meet its robust agenda and serve the people of the United States Virgin Islands.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Albert Bryan, Jr.", written over a printed name.

Albert Bryan, Jr.  
Governor

*Enclosure*

Cc: Senator Diane T. Capehart  
Chair, Committee on Rules and Judiciary

**YVETTE ROSS-EDWARDS, ESQ.**

**Frederiksted, St. Croix  
United States Virgin Islands 00840**

**Education:**

- 1988-1991 Albany Law School of Union University**  
Albany, New York  
Degree: Juris Doctorate
- 1987-1988 University of Massachusetts at Amherst, MESTEP**  
Amherst, Massachusetts  
Degree: Master of Education (Secondary English)
- 1983-1987 Hampton University**  
Hampton, Virginia  
Degree: Bachelor of Arts (English), Magna Cum Laude
- 1970-1983 St. Dunstan's Episcopal School**  
Christiansted, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands  
High School Diploma

- Bar Admission:** 1992 Virgin Islands Bar Association  
1993 District Court of the V.I. Bar  
1993 Third Circuit Court of Appeals Bar

**Employment History:**

**January 2013 to present Yvette Ross Edwards PC**

**Position: President; Senior Attorney**

- Provide legal guidance, defended and prosecuted clients' interest in the areas of real estate, family law, deeds, wills and trusts, personal injury, medical malpractice, criminal and civil litigation, discrimination and civil rights violation(s) and general practice.
- Represented defendants in criminal trials in the Superior and District Courts and handled numerous criminal defense matters ranging from carjacking; assault I, II and III; Bank Robbery; Burglary; Possession of Unlicensed Firearm; Possession of a weapon during a crime of violence; marijuana cultivation and possession; cocaine conspiracy; attempted murder; vehicular manslaughter; conspiracy to sell unlicensed firearms.
- Represented clients in civil matters involving property disputes, contract disputes and trust disputes.
- Represented clients in mediations and arbitration.
- Represented indigent clients in family and criminal matters.
- Managed all office operations, including accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll.
- Supervised staff productivity.

Also represented:

June 2022 – present Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission

- Provide legal opinions on matters of violation of the casino laws and regulations.
- Attend all significant meetings and hearings of the Commission.
- Collaborate closely with the Commissioners on matters involving the interpretation of the casino laws and regulations.
- Draft legal documents, orders, and correspondence.
- Advise on administrative and procedural matters.
- Represent the interests of the Commission in litigation matters.

July 2015 – April 2019 Virgin Islands Public Finance Authority

- Provided legal opinions to the Governing Board.
- Prepared due diligence opinions for bond closings.
- Advised the executive director on matters of the Authority.
- Reviewed contracts for legal sufficiency.
- Prepared contracts for the Authority.
- Managed such other legal matters as the executive director requested.

March 2004 to December 2012 Law Offices of Yvette Ross Edwards

**Position: Owner; Senior Attorney**

- Represented businesses, quasi-government entities and doctors in the areas of insurance defense.
- Managed real estate, family law, personal injury, medical malpractice, property disputes, criminal and civil litigation, and general practice matters for clients.
- Researched and investigated client claims.
- Represented indigent clients in family and criminal matters.
- Managed all office operations, including accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll.
- Supervised as many as six employees.

Also represented:

2004 – 2009

Virgin Islands Port Authority

Represented the Authority as its insurance defense counsel in matters of litigation, to include:

- Drafted legal pleadings.
- Attended court hearings and scheduling conferences.
- Took depositions.
- Drafted and responded to discovery.
- Conducted investigations.
- Engaged mediation and settlement conferences.

2008-2012

Kmart/ Sears/ Sedgewick

Represented Kmart as its insurance defense attorney on St. Croix, to include:

- Drafted legal pleadings.

- Attended court hearings and scheduling conferences.
- Took depositions.
- Drafted and responded to discovery.
- Conducted investigations.
- Engaged mediation and settlement conferences.
- Maintained and updated client's data base on progress of case.

2008 – 2011

Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority Governing Board

- Advised the Authority's Governing Board on matters before it.
- Attended meetings of the Governing Board.
- Consulted with and advised the Chairman of the Board.
- Prepared correspondence from the Governing Board.

**November 2002 to February 2004 Moore & Sopuch**

**Position: Associate Attorney**

- Provided litigation support to the Senior Attorney on matters of insurance defense, to include medical malpractice, personal injury, food poisoning, product liability, discrimination, harassment, and retaliation cases.
- Researched and drafted pleadings motions on legal issues arising in each case.
- Attended hearings, mediations, depositions, and scheduling conferences.
- Reported to insurance companies on the detailed progress of each case.
- Managed a case load of thirty cases.

**August 2001 to October 2002 Law Offices of Eric Moore**

**Position: Associate Attorney**

- Provided litigation support to the Senior Attorney on matters of insurance defense, to include medical malpractice, personal injury, food poisoning, product liability, discrimination, harassment, and retaliation cases.
- Researched and drafted pleadings motions on legal issues arising in each case.
- Attended hearings, mediations, depositions and scheduling conferences.
- Reported to insurance companies on the detailed progress of each case.
- Managed a case load of thirty-four cases.

**April 1997 to August 2001 Division of Banking and Insurance,  
Office Lieutenant Governor of the Virgin Islands**

**Position: Assistant Director and Legal Counsel to the Commissioner of Insurance; Notary Affairs**

- Advised the insurance commissioner and director of Banking and Insurance on applicable insurance laws.
- Supported the Banking and Insurance staff with legal direction on banking and insurance matters.
- Processed all notary applications on St. Croix.

**November 1993 to April 1997 Law Offices of George Cannon, Jr.**

**Position: Associate Attorney**

- Represented clients in the general practice of law, to include family, criminal, wills, deeds, traffic, and civil litigation.
- Researched and drafted pleadings motions on legal issues arising in each case.
- Attended hearings, mediations, depositions, and scheduling conferences.
- Researched and drafted legal memorandums, motions, and appeal briefs for the senior attorney.

**June 1991 to November 1993**

**Ross & Cannon**

**Position: Associate Attorney (licensed in July 1992)**

- Represented clients in the general practice of law, to include family, criminal, wills, deeds, traffic, and civil litigation.
- Researched and drafted pleadings motions on legal issues arising in each case.
- Attended hearings, mediations, depositions, and scheduling conferences.
- Researched and drafted legal memorandums, motions, and appeal briefs for the senior attorneys.

**1991**

**New York State Defenders Association**

**Albany, New York**

Assisted with documenting statistical information on criminal defense work in New York State

**1990 - 1991**

**New York State Public Defenders Office**

**Albany, New York**

Represented indigent criminal defendants as a senior law school student.

**1990 - 1991**

**Albany Law School Litigation Clinic**

**Albany, New York**

Represented and defended disability challenged individuals on various legal matters to include discrimination in education and discrimination in the application of military benefits.

**1989**

**Millipore Corporation**

**Bedford, Massachusetts**

- Taught employees at the company for whom English was not their primary language basic communication skills.
- Provided Human Resources support to the Human Resources Manager.

**1988**

**Boston Latin Magnet School**

**Boston, Massachusetts**

**Middle School English Teacher**

- Taught English to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders; tutored challenged students.

**Professional Affiliations/ Recognitions and Awards:**

**1993 to present**

**Third Circuit Court of Appeals**

**1992 to present**

**Virgin Islands Bar Association**

2019- 2022

Governing Board, member

2003 to present Professional Ethics and Disciplinary  
Committee  
2013- Access to Justice Committee  
Board liaison – 2013-2015  
Chair - 2021- 2023

1992 to present **District Court of the Virgin Islands**

2018 **Crusaders Club Community Service Award**  
Recognized for service within the St. Croix community.

2022 **St. Paul's Episcopal Church Community Award**  
Recognized for service and accomplishments within the  
Episcopal Church.

**Community Service:**

2004-2022 **Pro Bono Legal Assistance to the Farming Community on St. Croix**

2021 - **Episcopal Church (National)**  
Present Title IV Ethics and Disciplinary Committee: Vice Chair

2015 - **Episcopal Diocese of the Virgin Islands**  
Present 2015- 2021 Regional Dean of St. Croix  
2021- present Church Attorney

2011-2014 **Our Town Frederiksted**  
Governing Board: member

2003 – 2009 **Good Hope School**  
Board of Trustees: Member; Secretary  
Parent Teacher Organization: President

2000 - 2002 **Community United Methodist School**  
Board of Trustees: Member

1997 **Legal Services of the Virgin Islands**  
Governing Board: member

1997 - **St. Croix Farmers in Action, Inc.**  
Present 1997 – 2004 Governing Board  
2004 – present Legal Advisor

1966 to **St. Paul's Episcopal/ Anglican Church**  
2019 Served on the Vestry, Outreach Committee, Sunday School Teacher,  
"Children of God" Youth Club Leader

**Personal Data:**

1995 Married to Percival A. Edwards  
Three (3) Adult Children; Two Grandchildren