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

**Re: Nomination of Ariel M. Smith, Esq. – Virgin Islands Attorney General of the
Department of Justice**

Dear Senate President Francis:

In accordance with the provisions of Title 3, Chapter 8, Section 112 of the Virgin Islands Code, I hereby nominate Ariel M. Smith, Esq. as the Attorney General of the Virgin Islands Department of Justice.

Accordingly, it is my pleasure to ask the advice and consent of the Thirty-Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands on the nomination of Atty. Smith. A copy of Atty. Smith's resume is enclosed for your review. I respectfully urge the Legislature to take timely action to advance this nomination to prevent any delays in the official functions of the Department.

Your prompt and favorable confirmation will enhance the Department of Justice's ability to meet its demanding operations and the continued work to 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 horizontal line.

Albert Bryan, Jr.
Governor

Enclosure

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

ARIEL M. SMITH

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EDUCATION

Juris Doctorate, Rutgers University School of Law
Newark, New Jersey, May 1993

Bachelor of Arts, Rutgers College, Rutgers University
New Brunswick, New Jersey May 1986

ADMISSIONS

1994 * Superior Court of the Virgin Islands

1994 * District Court of the Virgin Islands

1994 * Third Circuit Court of Appeals

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

Superior Court of the Virgin Islands, formerly
Territorial Court of the Virgin Islands, Division of St.
Thomas and St. John October 1993 – September 1995

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

September 2016 to present

Chief - Civil Division, Virgin Islands Department of Justice
Supervise a staff of five Assistant Attorney Generals and two
support staff in the St. Thomas and St. Croix District; prepare
monthly reports to the Attorney General and Deputy General and
periodic reports to the Department of Finance as to litigation
exposure of pending cases, and continue to manage a separate case
load of over forty (40) matters involving executive branch and
instrumentalities of the Government of the Virgin Islands.

December 2011 – August 2016

**Assistant Attorney General, Virgin Islands Department of
Justice, Civil Division**

Draft and file complaints, answers, and prepare and present
dispositive and non-dispositive motions, participate in mediation
conferences, and represent the Government of the Virgin Islands
before the District Court of the Virgin Islands and the Superior
Court of the Virgin Islands.

November 2006 to November 2011

**Assistant Territorial Public Defender, Office of the Territorial
Public Defender, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands**

Criminal defense of misdemeanor and major felony offenses,
including domestic violence and white collar matters, including
conducting more than twenty (20) jury trials.

October 1995 to October 2006

Associate, Smock & Moorehead, (now "Law Offices of Henry C. Smock") St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

General Civil Litigation with emphasis on insurance defense, bankruptcy, probate, family, labor, real estate, and commercial transactions.

Extensive motion practice, including drafting and answering complaints, as well as dispositive and non-dispositive motions, Research, drafted and argued appellant and appellee briefs before the Appellate Division and Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Wrote in-depth client which included review of voluminous medical records.

**OTHER
EXPERIENCE**

September 1987 – August 1993

Paralegal, PaineWebber Incorporated, Legal Department
Weehawken, New Jersey

REFERENCES

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