



PRESS RELEASE

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Chief Justice Rhys S. Hodge wishes to inform the general public and members of the Virgin Islands Bar of the schedule of Judicial Branch operations for the 2018 Carnival season. Accordingly, employees of the Judicial Branch will be granted administrative leave and both the Supreme and the Superior Courts of the Virgin Islands will operate abbreviated schedules from Wednesday April 25, 2018, to Friday, April 27, 2018, as follows:

DISTRICT OF ST. THOMAS/ST. JOHN

- Wednesday, April 25, 2018--Both Courts will close from **12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** (**Food, Arts & Crafts Fair Day**)
- Thursday, April 26, 2018--Both Courts will be closed from **8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** (**J'ouvert**)
- Friday, April 28, 2018--Both Courts will be closed from **8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** (**Children's Parade Day**)

Supreme Court: All filings for the Supreme Court will continuously be accepted electronically via the Court's electronic filing system ("VISCEFS") and will also be accepted via a secured lockbox at the Court's facilities located at No. 161B Crown Bay for non-electronic filers.

Superior Court: **All previously calendared matters and Advice of Rights will be heard as scheduled.** All filings for the Superior Court will be accepted in the Clerk's Office on Wednesday, April 25, 2018, utilizing limited staff. However, on Thursday, April 26, 2017 and Friday, April 27, 2018, filings (including those for the Magistrate Division) will be accepted via a secured lock box on the first floor, East Wing entrance of the Superior Court's premises located at the Alexander A. Farrelly Justice Center.

DISTRICT OF ST. CROIX

Both the Supreme and Superior Courts will be closed on Friday, April 27, 2018 from **8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Supreme Court: All filings for the Supreme Court will continuously be accepted electronically via the Court's electronic filing system ("VISCEFS") and will also be accepted via a secured lockbox at the Court's facilities located at No. 18 Strand Street, Frederiksted for non-electronic filers.

Superior Court: Advice of Rights will be heard as scheduled. Filings for the Superior Court will be accepted via a secured "lock box" on the first floor of the R.H. Amphlett Leader Justice Complex.

The Supreme and Superior Courts will resume regular office hours on Monday, April 30, 2018. The Judicial Branch of the Virgin Islands wishes everyone a safe, happy and enjoyable Carnival!

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