

Open Letter from V.I. Attorneys

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Dear Virgin Islanders,

As attorneys who are members of the Virgin Islands Bar Association, and who have had the distinct privilege of knowing Delegate Plaskett's work, we feel compelled to address the recent order from the Court in the New York civil case *Jane Does 1, et al. v. Government of the Virgin Islands, et al.* As legal professionals who understand the profound implications of public allegations of this nature, we believe it is imperative to provide clarity regarding the situation at hand. We want to give our community a legal understanding of what has happened rather than speculation from those with no legal background.

We want to express unequivocally that the accusations being made against Delegate Plaskett are only allegations, which will ultimately prove not to be based on facts. Indeed, in multiple instances, these allegations are factually impossible. We are confident that once the time comes for the Court to review the evidence, as opposed to allegations, there will be a finding that this case should be dismissed.

Stacey Plaskett, even before becoming a Delegate, is known for a strong commitment to justice, fairness, and integrity. Throughout her career, she has worked to uphold the rule of law and fight for those that cannot fight for themselves.

It is essential to recognize that in any legal case, especially one involving a civil dispute like this one, there are complex layers that include allegations that may often be unsubstantiated. At this stage in the case, many of the defendants have been able to secure a dismissal based on technicalities, such as jurisdictional issues.

In short, this recent judge's order was not a determination of whether or not anyone could ever be found liable for any of these asserted claims. The order was based on technical arguments of jurisdiction and prior settlements - not facts. Judge Subramanian indeed indicated he looked forward to hearing Plaskett's arguments on the facts. We stand by Delegate Plaskett, the rule of law and the impartial process which will surely find, in the near future, that this lawsuit cannot stand. We believe that the truth will ultimately prevail.

Not one of these unproven allegations against the Delegate should overshadow her tireless work for the people of the Virgin Islands, her service to the people of the Virgin Islands, or her commitment to public service.

Genuinely,

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