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# Bryan Announces Resignation of Attorney General Ariel Smith

**Unspecified differences lead to resignation; Governor Bryan expresses gratitude for service**

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**Attorney General Ariel Smith. By. GOV'T HOUSE**

Government House on Tuesday issued a release conveying a statement from Governor Albert Bryan, who has accepted the resignation of Attorney General Ariel Smith, effective March 15.

While Mr. Bryan did not provide a reason for Ms. Smith's resignation, who he announced as his pick for AG [on March 21, 2023](#), people with knowledge of the matter said Mr. Bryan and Ms. Smith have been at odds for some time. Mr. Bryan did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The governor thanked Ms. Smith for her service to the people of the Virgin Islands during her time in office.

According to Gov't House, a search for a new attorney general will begin immediately. "The Governor and Attorney General Smith wish each other well in their future endeavors," concluded the Gov't House release.

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