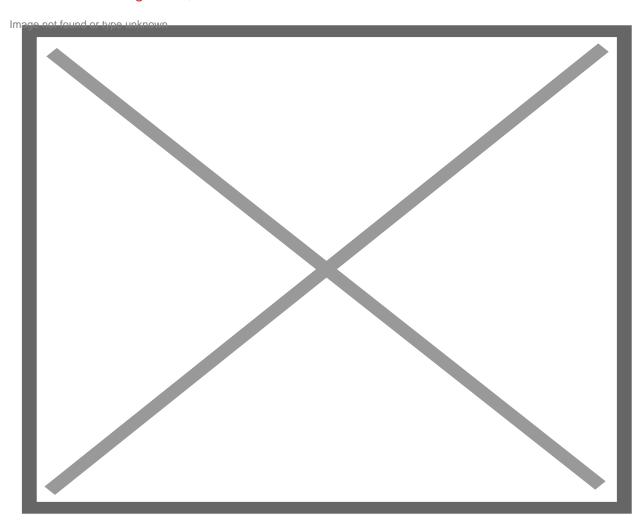
Settlement Talks Signal Possible Resolution in Stacey Plaskett Lawsuit Tied to Epstein Allegations

A brief letter to Judge Arun Subramanian said parties in the lawsuit against Delegate Stacey Plaskett "may be resolved shortly." Filed in 2023, the Epstein-linked case originally named multiple USVI officials before being narrowed to Plaskett alone.

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V.I. Delegate to Congress Stacey Plaskett.

A short letter sent to Judge Arun Subramanian on Thursday signals that attorneys representing Congressional Delegate Stacey Plaskett and the unnamed women who are suing her may soon be able to agree on a way to resolve the matter. The plaintiffs allege that deceased sex trafficker Jeffrey Epstein's criminal activities involved a broad network of co-conspirators, including many

USVI government officials and staff.

The 2023 lawsuit against Delegate Plaskett initially included a <u>host of codefendants</u>, including the Government of the Virgin Islands itself, former governors John De Jongh and Kenneth Mapp, among others. However in March, the judge <u>dismissed the claims</u> against all the other named defendants, ordering Ms. Plaskett to face the allegations alone.

However, the one-paragraph communication to the presiding judge raised the possibility that a trial on the facts might be avoided. "We have discussed with opposing counsel and the parties believe that this case may be resolved shortly," said Eric Breslin, Ms. Plaskett's attorney.

If the parties are unable to reach an agreement by next Thursday, August 28, they would submit proposed dates for trial as directed by the judge.

For her part, the congresswoman has argued that the lawsuit does not present a case to answer, although Judge Subramanian denied her motion to dismiss the matter entirely.

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