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Quick Note: Natalie Nelson Tang How Is Mapp Administration Chief Labor Negotiator

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ST. THOMAS -- Governor Kenneth Mapp introduced for the first time to the community his selection for Chief Labor Negotiator, Attorney Natalie Nelson Tang How, above, at a press conference held at Government House here on Tuesday morning.

"You're coming on board at a time when there's a tremendous amount of work in the Office of Collective Bargaining to do," Governor Mapp said. He mentioned the unions in particular, whose leaders were waiting to meet with Mrs. Tang How, who will serve as the government's mediator. The governor also said that Mrs. Tang How would be added to his financial team.

By way of resume, Mrs. Tang How has had her own law practice for the past 16 years, with her office located in downtown Christiansted. From the onset, her practice has focused on labor, unemployment and civil rights law. She also served as the legal counsel/director of labor relations for the Virgin Islands Department of Labor from 1996-1999.

Mrs. Tang How is well learned, too, earning her juris doctorate degree from the University of Florida in 1992, and a certification in labor relations and contract administration studies from Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations in New York, in 2000. The attorney also attained a bachelor of science degree, cum laude in sociology with a minor in criminal justice from Mercy College in New York, in 1998.

Mrs. Tang How is the eldest of four siblings, born to parents Trevor and Judith Nelson, who migrated here from Trinidad when she was five years old. She is married to Lincoln Tang How, and has two sons, Rafael Jr. and Lincoln Jr.

Her nomination was sent to the Legislature on Tuesday.