

Bryan Announces Nominations of Two Attorneys to Serve as Superior Court Judges

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Governor Albert Bryan on Monday afternoon announced his nomination of two attorneys to serve in the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands as judges, one per district.

The nominations are Attorney Sigrid Tejo-Sprotte, a former Assistant U.S. Attorney who currently is an Assistant Attorney General in the Virgin Islands Attorney General's Office for the St. Thomas-St. John District, and Attorney Alphonso Andrews, a prosecutor for the U.S. Attorney's Office and former judge on the V.I. Territorial Court, for the St. Croix District.

Mr. Bryan said the nominations were strategic, as the two attorneys are prosecutors with clear records and dedication to the USVI community.

“I feel that we need to send a strong message to the criminals and our community by nominating prosecutors to the bench,” Mr. Bryan said. He spoke of the murder of 14-year-old Aaron Ashby and his 29-year-old cousin, Rique Ashby, who were gunned down two weeks ago at Tutu Hi-Rise on St. Thomas. “We feel that the experience, education and the demonstrated dedication to our community and fairness make them great choices for the judiciary.”

The nominations will be forwarded to the Legislature, from whom the governor requested during his press briefing swift approval.