

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
DIVISION OF ST. CROIX**

IN RE: COMPLEX LITIGATION CASES PENDING) CASE NO. SX-19-MC-035
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE VIRGIN) COMPLEX LITIGATION DIVISION
ISLANDS.)
_____)


STANDING ORDER NO. 7


IN FURTHERANCE OF Virgin Islands Rule of Civil Procedure 1, and in order to keep costs down and reduce the volume of paper generated in complex litigation cases, it is hereby **ORDERED** that, in lieu of serving and filing a motion or stipulation in each individual case grouped under a master case, counsel seeking leave to withdraw or stipulating to substitute shall instead serve and file a motion or stipulation, respectively, in the master case. If substitution is approved, successor counsel shall appear by notice filed in *each individual case* no later than **twenty-one (21) days** from the date the order is entered in the master case. Each notice shall reference the order entered in the master case, identify who counsel has succeeded, and which party or parties counsel appears for. Concerning withdrawal, all motions must comply with Virgin Islands Rule of Civil Procedure 6-5 regarding updated civil litigant data forms. A separate motion must be filed for each client. In addition, the verified statement required by the rule shall make clear, and counsel are further directed to explain to the client(s), that, even though leave to withdraw is being sought in a master case, and may be granted in the master case, the client must obtain new counsel or proceed *pro se* in each individual case that client is a party to, and further make clear that new counsel or the client, if proceeding *pro se*, will have to appear by notices served and filed in the master case **as well as** each individual case no later than **twenty-eight (28) days** from the date the order was entered in the master case. All motions to withdraw that do not comply with this order will be denied.

DONE AND SO ORDERED.

Date: October 28, 2019

ATTEST:
ESTRELLA H. GEORGE
Clerk of the Court

By: 
TW Court Clerk Supervisor
Dated: 10/28/2019



ROBERT A. MOLLOY
Judge of the Superior Court