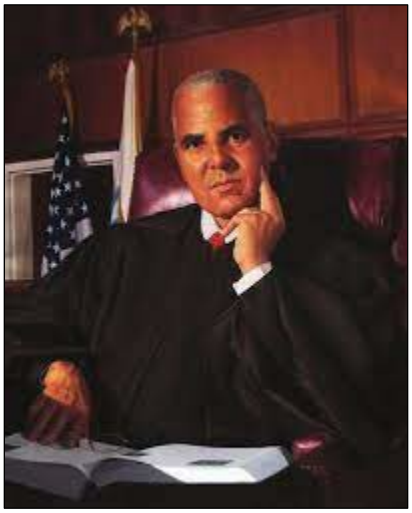
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Governor Bryan Issues Statement on Passing of Judge Finch

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS — Governor Albert Bryan Jr. issued the following statement on the passing of Senior District Judge Raymond Finch:

"It is with great sadness that I learned of the passing of one of the Virgin Islands most noted jurists, District Judge Raymond Finch, who served the people of the Territory fairly and prudently for decades, first in the Territorial Court and then for more than 15 years as a federal judge in the U.S. District Court after being nominated to consecutive terms by President George W. Bush and President Bill Clinton.

"A native Crucian, Judge Finch served for six years as the Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court and set an eminent example as an honorable and impartial arbiter of the law. His service for the betterment of our community and its people will not be forgotten.

"On behalf of First Lady Yolanda Bryan, my family, and the people of the Virgin Islands, I express my sincere condolences to his family, friends and loved ones during their time of bereavement."

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