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St. Thomas Attorney Tom Bolt Appointed to ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service Bolt Also Elected as First Territorial Delegate to ABA House of Delegates and Serves as Chair-Elect of Senior Lawyers Division

ST. THOMAS, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS — American Bar Association President Barbara J. Howard has appointed St. Thomas attorney Tom Bolt to serve on the ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service for the 2026–2027 bar year. The Standing Committee leads and supports the ABA’s efforts to expand pro bono legal services, strengthen access to justice and encourage members of the legal profession to serve individuals and communities in need.

“I am deeply honored by President Howard’s appointment,” Bolt said. “Pro bono service is one of the legal profession’s most important obligations. I look forward to working with the Committee to expand meaningful opportunities for lawyers to serve those who might otherwise lack access to legal assistance and to strengthen the profession’s commitment to equal justice.”

Bolt was also elected to the ABA House of Delegates as its first Territorial Delegate. In that capacity, he represents the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in the Association’s principal policymaking body.

“The creation of the Territorial Delegate position provides the United States territories a unified voice in the ABA House of Delegates,” Bolt said. “It is a privilege to represent these four jurisdictions and to ensure that the distinct legal systems, perspectives and concerns of the territories are considered in the development of national legal policy.”

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During the 2026–2027 bar year, Bolt is also serving as Chair-Elect of the ABA Senior Lawyers Division. The Division provides experienced lawyers with opportunities for professional development, leadership, mentoring, public service and continued engagement in the legal profession. As Chair-Elect, Bolt is helping advance initiatives involving elder law, elder financial exploitation, supported decision-making, mentorship and a “Second Season of Service” for experienced attorneys.

Bolt has been active in the American Bar Association for nearly four decades. He previously served on the ABA Board of Governors and chaired the ABA Law Practice Division and the ABA Standing Committee on the Law Library of Congress. He is also a longtime member of the ABA House of Delegates and serves as Chair of its Territorial Caucus.

A former president of the Virgin Islands Bar Association, Bolt practices business law and government relations in St. Thomas and serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of BoltNagi PC. He is also a longtime Uniform Law Commissioner from the U.S. Virgin Islands and is actively involved in numerous civic, charitable and professional organizations.

“These responsibilities provide complementary opportunities to serve the profession,” Bolt said. “Whether through pro bono service, national legal policy or the engagement of experienced lawyers, the goal remains the same: to use the law and the collective strength of the organized bar to serve others and improve the administration of justice.”