Virgin Islands



Tregenza A. Roach
Lieutenant Governor/Commissioner
Secretary, Southeast Zone

Term of Office:
Four Years

Elected:
November 20, 2018
Re-elected: November 8, 2022

Lieutenant Governor Tregenza A. Roach is a proud Virgin Islander who has served the people of this Territory in each branch of Government.

He earned a B.A. in Journalism from the University of Missouri and a J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law. While attending law school, he clerked in the Office of the Governor's Legal Counsel, the Office of the U.S. Attorney, and the Territorial Court of the Virgin Islands. Upon graduating, he worked in the Territorial Court's Civil and Family divisions and in private practice. He has been a member of the Virgin Islands Bar since 1991.

Roach began his career in public service as Legal Counsel to the Commissioner of Education, where he served for more than eight years before being selected as Executive Director of the Board of Education. In 2006, he was selected by the University of the Virgin Islands (UVI) to lead a program of public education in support of the Fifth Constitutional Convention. During this consultancy, he served as the Coordinator/Researcher of the Constitution 2008. He also represented UVI at United Nations (UN) Decolonization Seminars in Grenada and Indonesia. Although the UVI project ended in 2008, the UN qualified Roach as an expert on constitutional development processes in the U.S. territories and invited him on his own merits to a third Decolonization Seminar in St. Kitts in 2009.

He joined the UVI adjunct faculty from 1999 to 2012, teaching courses in the Humanities and a Constitutional Law course in the education graduate program. Other UVI projects, include the Legacy Report of President Emeritus LaVerne E. Ragster, Ph.D., a major environmental project with the U.S. EPA, launch of the Center for the Study of Spirituality and Professionalism, and Editor in Chief of its award-winning international literary journal.

Roach was elected to the 30th-32nd legislatures as a staunch advocate for education, the environment, and the youth and elderly of the Territory. He was nominated to the Education and the Law, Criminal Justice and Public Safety committees of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and instrumental in the 2014 adoption of a resolution supporting full citizenship rights for those living in the Territory. In 2016, he presented a similar resolution that resulted in a full NCSL conference session devoted to the affairs of the remaining U.S. territories.

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