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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Ronald Sharpe Confirmed as U.S. Attorney for V.I. District**

**St. Thomas, USVI** - Ronald W. Sharpe was confirmed Thursday as United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands.

Sharpe, who has been an Assistant U.S. Attorney since 1995, joined the District of the Virgin Islands in November 2008 as First Assistant U.S. Attorney, and has been serving as the United States Attorney since September 2009. A veteran prosecutor, Sharpe served with distinction in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia from 1995 until he transferred to the Virgin Islands.

Sharpe graduated from Tulane University with a Bachelor of Science degree in management in 1987 and from Stanford Law School in 1991. The last presidentially appointed U.S. Attorney in the Virgin Islands was Anthony Jenkins, who retired in October 2008.

The United States Attorney is the chief federal law enforcement officer in the U.S. Virgin Islands. He is responsible for coordinating multiple agency investigations and supervising the prosecution of all federal crimes and civil cases in which the United States is a party. The United States Attorney also is responsible for the collection of debts owed to the federal government which are administratively uncollectible.

As United States Attorney, Sharpe will be responsible for the operations of the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Virgin Islands, including its branch office on St. Croix. About 41 people, including 16 attorneys, work in the two offices.