

Joanne U.
Barry



Joanne U. Barry is a graduate of SS Peter and Paul High School Class of 1973.

She obtained a BBA from the University of Miami, credits toward an MBA at the

University of the Virgin Islands, and numerous certificates of training in business and management.

Ms. Barry has had an extensive career in government service spanning 40+ years. Her career began as an accountant with the Third Constitutional Convention and the Virgin Islands Housing Authority (VIHA). It was at the Housing Authority that her career focus shifted to human resources and labor relations and she was promoted to the position of Director of Human Resources. She later served as Chief Labor Negotiator, Government of the Virgin Islands (GVI); Asst. Director of Human Resources, VI Water and Power Authority (WAPA); Director, Division of Personnel (GVI); and Director of Benefits for the Government Employees Retirement System (GERS). Ms. Barry retired as an Asst. Administrator for GERS on July 31, 2009.

In August 2009, Ms. Barry was appointed Chief Deputy Clerk for the District Court of the Virgin Islands. She retired from that position on December 31, 2018.

Ms. Barry has been a member of the credit union for approximately 40 years.

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As a born and raised Virgin Islander, I have Committed my time to assist and foster growth within our community. I am a mother of two beautiful young women who have blossomed over the years, both personally and professionally. I successfully attained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration through the University of the Virgin Islands and acquired a Certified Purchasing Professional and Certified Purchasing Professional Manager certifications from the American Purchasing Society in Illinois.

My professional experience encompasses over 13 years at the VI Water and Power Authority as a Buyer/ Expeditor, a Line Department Administrative Assistant, and later on to a Systems Operations Administrative. I have continued on this career path with my last two years at the VI Port Authority as the Purchasing Supervisor for the St. Thomas and St. John District. I am the President and cofounder of a nonprofit organization LADIES (Little Adults Developing Into Exceptional Scholars), which creates an outlet and introduces young women between the ages of 9-18 to cultural, social and business opportunities. In 2017, I successfully became a young entrepreneur and created additional revenue streams for 12 skilled women with my company Kamikaze Mixers, LLC.

To become a volunteer and serve as a St. Thomas Federal Credit Union Board of Director would afford me the aspired opportunity to continue to contribute to my community's growth.

Clifford F. Graham



Clifford F. Graham was born on St. Thomas, U. S. Virgin Islands on October 7, 1965. He is a product of the Virgin Islands public education system and a 1983 graduate of the Ivanna Eudora Kean High School. Graham continued his education first at the College of the Virgin Islands then at Hampton University, Hampton VA where, in 1989, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree, with highest honors.

Upon graduation, Graham worked with a construction management firm in Detroit, Michigan until he was recruited by the Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources to work in the Building Permits Division in 1990. Clifford transferred to the Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority in 1994 and worked in their Planning and Construction Division as the Assistant Director. In May of 1996 he was promoted to the Director of Planning and Construction, responsible for all the Authority's affordable housing developments. In 2001 the Board of Directors selected Mr. Graham to serve as the Authority's 5th Executive Director where he spearheaded a plan for the Authority to erase several years of budget deficits, and to complete its own mission of achieving ownership by moving from rental office space into their own building. Mr. Graham served as Executive Director until 2011 and is credited with having a robust affordable housing program, increasing the affordable rental and the home ownership housing stocks.

After leaving the Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority, Clifford Graham offered himself as a candidate for the Legislature as another way to contribute to the people of the Virgin Islands. He launched a successful campaign in 2012 and became a member of the 30th Legislature. As a freshman senator, he chaired the powerful Committee on Finance and was responsible for the development of the budgets for fiscal years 2014 and 2015. Upon Senator Graham's reelection, his colleagues again tapped him to chair the Committee on Finance in the 31st Legislature. The challenges continued with respect to the Territory's fiscal issues; however, Senator Graham and his colleagues provided the funding to keep the Government of the Virgin Islands funded for fiscal years 2016 and 2017. Senator Graham also served as a member of the Committees on: Economic Development, Agriculture and Planning; Energy and Environmental Protection; and Housing.

After leaving the Legislature of the Virgin Islands, in May 2017, Mr. Graham became the President and Chief Executive Officer of The West Indian Company, Limited. Mr. Graham pledge to build on the successes of the company as we look at maintaining Charlotte Amalie as a premier destination in the Caribbean. WICO and the GERS' Havensight Mall have been a destination for both locals and visitors; and Mr. Graham will continue to explore ways to improve the properties where new amenities can be incorporated to drive additional economic activity.

A major source of revenue for WICO and the USVI is the cruise industry; as CEO, Graham continues to maintain the long-standing relationship with the cruise lines and explore ways to enhance and grow the market share of this destination. Graham's focus will not be restricted to the boundaries of the Havensight properties, as his focus will also be on what can be done to improve the overall tourism product in the US Virgin Islands as the territory seeks ways to continuously refresh and enrich our destination.

Thomas VanSluytman



Thomas VanSluytman, a St. Thomas native, has worked at the highest levels of the Virgin Islands Government over the past decade, serving in key roles at both Government House and the Office of the Senate President. Prior to entering public service, Mr. VanSluytman worked at retail energy marketing firm, Glacial Energy, where he served as a commodities market analyst focused on the natural gas and electricity sector. Prior to his tenure at Glacial, he worked as a portfolio manager at a large financial firm. Mr. VanSluytman attended Florida A & M University where he studied both political science and public administration. He also maintains an interest in data management, computers and accounting. Mr. VanSluytman continually seeks to better our community and is always ready to lend a helping hand. On most weekends, he can be found assisting friends and family members with hurricane recovery projects.