Del. Stacey Plaskett (D-V.I.)



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Background Information:

District:

Virgin Islands -- At Large

Residence:

Christiansted, St. Croix, V.I.

Born:

May 13, 1966; Brooklyn, N.Y.

Religion:

Lutheran

Family:

Husband, Jonathan Buckney-Small; five children

Education:

Georgetown U., B.S.F.S., 1988 (history & diplomacy); American U., J.D., 1994

Career before election to Congress in 2014:

Lawyer; U.S. Justice Department official; congressional aide; county prosecutor; physicians' association assistant

First Elected to Congress:

2014 (4th term)

Last Elected to Congress: 2020 (88.43%)

Biography:

Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett represents the at large district of the U.S. Virgin Islands in the United States House of Representatives. She is an African-Caribbean attorney who has practiced law in New York, Washington D.C. and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Plaskett is best known for her understanding of economic development and public-private partnerships for growing the economy of developing areas. She is an active community advocate in the Virgin Islands.

Plaskett was born, May 13, 1966 in Brooklyn, New York. Her parents are both natives of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands and migrated to New York during in 1950s.

Plaskett began her grade school education at Brooklyn Friends and Grace Lutheran elementary schools and continued her education at Choate Rosemary Hall. Plaskett attended Georgetown University under the early decision program and later received a degree in History and Diplomacy from the Edmund Walsh School of Foreign Service. While at Georgetown, Plaskett ran for student government under the progressive student ticket and was very active in the anti-apartheid movement. As a student, she spoke on behalf of universities in the D.C. area at the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Plaskett attended law school at night while she worked full time during the day with the lobbying arm of the American Medical Association and then with the law firm, Jones Day. At the time of graduation, she had three sons under the age of five.

After law school, Plaskett served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Bronx, New York. She was assigned to the Narcotics Bureau, where she prosecuted several hundred cases.

Plaskett moved to Washington, D.C., where she worked as counsel on the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct (Ethics Committee) in the United States House of Representatives and later at the United States Department of Justice. At the Justice Department, Plaskett served as Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General of the Civil Division, and also as Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Torts Branch in the Civil Division, where she worked on the initiatives to increase the number of minority and women attorneys at the Justice Department. She also worked on the Terrorism Litigation Task Force and the September 11th Victims' Compensation Fund.

Plaskett left government to serve as Deputy General Counsel at United Health Group, where she worked in the Medicaid/Medicare division. She then relocated full time to her ancestral home of the United States Virgin Islands and worked in the private sector and then with the Virgin Islands Economic Development Authority (VIEDA). At VIEDA, she worked on tax incentive programs and public-private partnerships as a means to bring economic growth to the development of the territory.