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Mr. Norm D. Fugate
Chair – Eighth Judicial Circuit
Judicial Nominating Commission
248 N. W. Main Street, P.O. Box 98
Williston, FL 32696

Dear Mr. Fugate:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Eighth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Eighth Judicial Circuit. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Joseph M. Williams, effective December 31, 2021. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (six) for the vacancy.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Sunday, February 13, 2022**. In cases where a discretionary extension of no more than thirty days is needed, as authorized by Article V, Section 11(c) of the Florida Constitution, please contact me.

Administrative support for the Commission will be provided by the Governor's Office, pursuant to section 43.291(7), Florida Statutes. This includes all essential administrative needs such as document distribution, public announcements and the like. Our JNC Coordinator Annie Ortega (850-717-9448; Annie.Ortega@eog.myflorida.com) will contact you to these ends.

The Commission's handling of this matter is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ryan Newman".

Ryan Newman
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Mark W. Moseley
Chief Judge