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Mr. Daniel Nordby
Chair – Supreme Court
Judicial Nominating Commission
215 South Monroe Street, Suite 804
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Dear Mr. Nordby:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I request that you convene the Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Supreme Court of Florida. This appointment will fill the vacancy created by the resignation and retirement of Justice Alan Lawson. 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, May 29, 2022**. If 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.

The Governor's Office will provide administrative support to the Commission pursuant to section 43.291(7), Florida Statutes. This includes all essential administrative needs such as document distribution, public announcements, and the like. Our Judicial Coordinator Annie Ortega (850-717-9448; Annie.Ortega@eog.myflorida.com) will assist you.

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 Charles Canady
Chief Justice