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Mr. Joseph Jacquot
Chair – Fifth District Court of Appeal
Gunster Yoakley & Stewart, P.A.
1 Independent Drive Suite 2300
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Dear Mr. Jacquot:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Fifth District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Fifth District Court of Appeal. This appointment is to fill the four vacancies created by the enactment of HB 7027. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (six) for each vacancy.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Friday, October 21, 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 Director of Judicial Appointment, Meredith Pardo (850-717-9448; Meredith.Pardo@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 Brian Lambert
Chief Judge