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Mr. Fred Karlinsky Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission 401 East Las Olas Boulevard Suite 2000 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Dear Mr. Karlinsky:

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 Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel (Third Region). This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Eugene Zenobi. The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Sunday, May 21, 2023**.

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 Appointments/Assistant General Counsel, 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.

Ryan Newman General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Carlos Muñiz Chief Justice