

**FLORIDA SUPREME COURT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION**

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The Honorable Ron DeSantis  
The Capitol  
400 South Monroe Street  
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**Re: Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission- Office of Criminal  
Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel (Third Region)**

Dear Governor DeSantis:

As you are aware the Florida Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission (“JNC”), recently convened for the purposes of soliciting applications for the Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel (Third Region) vacancy created by the resignation of Eugene Zenobi. On March 27, 2023, a request for applications was published on the Florida Bar website, among other venues. The notice was also emailed to all members of the Florida Bar. As a result of that solicitation, we had two applicants respond. The JNC interviewed the applicants on May 3, 2023. We are hereby forwarding you the names of the following applicants for the Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel (Third Region) for your consideration:

Silvia Maria Gonzalez  
Walter A. Otto Jr.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,



Fred E. Karlinsky  
Chair, Florida Supreme Court  
Judicial Nominating Commission

Cc: Florida Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission Members  
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