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January 31, 2023

Mr. Robert Harvey 1555 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. FL 16 West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Dear Mr. Harvey:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Fifteenth 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 Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court and Palm Beach County Court. These appointments are to fill the vacancies created by the elevations of Judge Paige Kilbane, effective December 15, 2022, and Judge John Parnofiello, effective December 11, 2022. 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**, **March 17**, **2023.** In cases where a discretionary extension of no more than fifteen 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 Appointments, 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.

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Ryan Newman General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Glenn Kelley Chief Judge