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Mr. Maximillian Amster

Dear Mr. Amster:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Thirteenth 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 Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. This appointment is to fill the vacancies created by the retirement of Judge Vivian Corvo, effective May 31, 2023, and the resignation of Judge Rex Barbas, effective June 30, 2023. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (six) for each of the two vacancies.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Friday, August 4, 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ryan Newman".

Ryan Newman
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Ronald Ficarrotta
Chief Judge