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September 1, 2023

Mr. Adam Ross Chair – Sixth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission P.O. Box 17500 Clearwater, FL 33762

Dear Mr. Ross:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Sixth 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 Sixth Judicial Circuit. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Anthony Rondolino. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (six) for the vacancy.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Sunday**, **October 1**, **2023.** 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 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.

Sincere

Ryan Newman General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Shawn Crane Chief Judge