

STATE OF FLORIDA

## Office of the Governor

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December 20, 2023

Mr. Robert Jones III

Dear Mr. Jones:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the First 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 Walton County Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge David Green. 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**, **February 18, 2024**.

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,

Ryan Newman General Counsel

cc: The Honorable John L. Miller Chief Judge