## ELEVENTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE VACANCY

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Eleventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

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MIAMI – The Eleventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission has been asked to provide Governor DeSantis with nominees to fill the circuit court vacancies in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit created by the retirements of Judges Hogan Scola and John Schlesinger. The Commission requests that interested candidates submit an application for consideration. Applicants must meet the qualifications for circuit court judges described in Article V, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution. Applicants must submit three copies (3) of their application by **5:00 pm on Monday, March 16, 2020** as follows:

(1): The original unredacted paper application shall be delivered to:

## Walter J. Harvey

School Board Attorney
The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida
1450 N.E 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Suite 430
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- (2): The original unredacted application shall be emailed in .pdf format to: Walter.Harvey@dadeschools.net.
- (3): A redacted .pdf of the application shall be emailed to <u>eleventhjnc@dadeschools.net</u>. Personal information not subject to public disclosure—such as the social security number—shall be redacted as permitted by Section 119.071 of the Florida Statutes.

**Untimely applications will not be considered.** The filename for .pdf applications should be as follows "20.03.16 FIRSTNAME LASTNAME Circuit Application (redacted /unredacted)."

Applicants are invited to provide the Chair with a one page sheet listing the date, location and time of hearings or trials that they would want the Commissioners to observe. The one page disclosure sheet is not mandatory and can be provided to the Chair at any time before the interview day. *No information other than the date, location and time should be provided* on the one page sheet.

Applications may be downloaded from the Florida Bar's website at <a href="www.flabar.org">www.flabar.org</a> and the Office of the Governor at <a href="www.flgov.com">www.flgov.com</a>. Applicants should include a recent photograph.

**NOTE TO APPLICANTS:** To assist the Judicial Nominating Commission in its review of applications, all questions must be fully and completely answered. Applications must include current contact information, <u>including e-mail addresses</u>, for judges, co-counsel, opposing counsel, and references to facilitate the background investigation that will be conducted by the members of the Commission. Please print to .pdf in lieu of scanning where possible.

The Eleventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission will confer at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 to schedule interviews. A room will be made available to members of the public (The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, Board Attorney's Office, 1450 N.E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Suite 430, Miami, Florida 33132) who wish to attend.

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