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Mr. Walter Harvey  
Chair – Eleventh Circuit  
Judicial Nominating Commission  
1450 North East 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Suite 400  
Miami, Florida 33132

Dear Mr. Harvey:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Eleventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Eleventh Circuit Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by elevation of Judges William Altfield, Gina Beovides and Laura Shearon Cruz. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (eighteen) for the vacancies.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Friday, October 25, 2019**. This includes a discretionary extension as authorized by Article V, Section 11(c) of the Florida Constitution.

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 JNC Coordinator Erin Kraeft (850-717-9310; Erin.Kraeft@eog.myflorida.com) will contact you to these ends.

The Commission's handling of this matter is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Joe Jacquot, written in a cursive style.

Joe Jacquot  
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Bertila Soto  
Chief Judge