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Mr. Gilbert M. Singer
Chair – Thirteenth Circuit
Judicial Nominating Commission
5104 South West Shore Boulevard
Tampa, Florida 33611

Dear Mr. Singer:

Governor DeSantis has directed me to request that you convene the Thirteenth 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 Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of **Circuit Judge Chet Tharpe**.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Tuesday, July 30, 2019**. The deadline is final as it includes the discretionary 30-day extension 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. JNC Coordinator Erin Kraeft (850-717-9310; Erin.Kraeft@eog.myflorida.com) will contact you to these ends.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "N. Primrose".

Nicholas Primrose
Deputy General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Ronald Ficarrotta
Chief Judge