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Mr. Hayden Dempsey
Chair – Second Circuit
Judicial Nominating Commission
101 East College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Dear Mr. Dempsey:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Second Circuit Court Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Second Judicial Circuit. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the resignations of Judge James Hankinson and Judge Martin Fitzpatrick. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees for the vacancies.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is still **Friday, April 3, 2020**. 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 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 handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Jacquot".

Joe Jacquot
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Jonathan Sjostrom
Chief Judge