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Mr. Michael C. Sasso
Chair – Fifth District Court of Appeal
Judicial Nominating Commission
1031 West Morse Boulevard, Suite 120
Winter Park, Florida 32789

Dear Mr. Sasso:


On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Fifth District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Fifth District Court of Appeal. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the elevation of Judge Jamie Grosshans to the Florida Supreme Court. 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, November 15, 2020**. 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,



Joe Jacquot
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Kerry Evander
Chief Judge