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Mr. Robert Fernandez Chair – Eleventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission 2600 South Douglas Road, Suite 305 Coral Gables, Florida 33134

Dear Mr. Fernandez:

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 the elevation of Judge Alexander Bokor to the Third District Court of Appeal. 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 **Friday**, **August 28**, **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,

Joe Jacquot

General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Bertila Soto Chief Judge