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Mr. Aaron Haak
Chair – 20th Circuit
Judicial Nominating Commission
1625 Hendry Street, Suite 301
Fort Myers, Florida 33901

Dear Mr. Haak:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Twentieth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Twentieth Circuit Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge George Richards. 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, September 11, 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 that reads "Kasey O'Connor".

Kasey O'Connor
Deputy General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Michael McHugh
Chief Judge