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Mr. Hayden O'Byrne  
Chair – Eleventh Circuit  
Judicial Nominating Commission  
200 South Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 3900  
Miami, Florida 33131

Dear Mr. O'Byrne:

Governor DeSantis has directed me to request 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 Judicial Circuit Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the elevation of **Circuit Judge Rodney Smith**.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Wednesday, July 17, 2019**. 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. 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 "Joe Jacquot".

Joe Jacquot  
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Bertila Soto,  
Chief Judge