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Mr. Benjamin Bedard  
Chair – Nineteenth Circuit  
Judicial Nominating Commission  
470 Columbia Drive, Suite C101  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33409

Dear Mr. Bedard:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Nineteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Nineteenth Circuit Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Barbara Bronis. 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 **Monday, May 18, 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Jacquot".

Joe Jacquot  
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Lawrence Mirman  
Chief Judge