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Ms. Tara Tedrow Chair – Ninth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission Post Office Box 2809 Orlando, Florida 32802

Dear Ms. Tedrow:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Ninth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Orange County Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Nancy Clark. 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

Jee Jacquot General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Donald A. Myers, Jr. Chief Judge