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Mr. Kenneth Joyce
Chair – Seventeenth Circuit
Judicial Nominating Commission
110 South East 6th Street, Suite 2600
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

Dear Mr. Joyce:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Seventeenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Seventeenth Circuit Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the confirmation of Judge Raag Singhal to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida. 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, February 3, 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, appearing to read "N. Primrose".

Nicholas Primrose
Deputy General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Jack Tuter
Chief Judge