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Mr. Daniel Jay Gerber  
Chair – Eighteenth Circuit  
Judicial Nominating Commission  
Post Office Box 1873  
Orlando, Florida 32802

Dear Mr. Gerber:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Eighteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Eighteenth Circuit Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge James Earp. 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, February 14, 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 "Joe Jacquot".

Joe Jacquot  
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Lisa Davidson  
Chief Judge