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Mr. Gilbert Singer  
Chair – Thirteenth Circuit  
Judicial Nominating Commission  
5104 South West Shore Boulevard  
Tampa, Florida 33611

Dear Mr. Singer:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Thirteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Hillsborough County Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancies created by the elevation of Judges Alissa Ellison and Jared Smith to the Thirteenth Circuit Court. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (twelve) for the vacancy.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Friday, October 25, 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. 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 Ronald Ficarrotta  
Chief Judge