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Mr. Robert Fernandez
Chair – Eleventh Circuit
Judicial Nominating Commission
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Dear Mr. Fernandez:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Eleventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointments to the Eleventh Circuit Court. These appointments are to fill the vacancies created by the resignations of Judge Miguel Mirabal, Judge Rosa Figarola, and Judge Martin Zilber. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (six) per each vacancy.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Monday, July 18, 2021**. In cases where a discretionary extension of no more than fifteen 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 Emily Dunson (850-717-9448; Emily.Dunson@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 "James Uthmeier".

James Uthmeier
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Bertila Soto
Chief Judge