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Mr. Bob Shillinger
Chair – Sixteenth Circuit
Judicial Nominating Commission
1111 12th St Ste 408
Key West, FL 33040-3005

Dear Mr. Shillinger:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Sixteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointments to the Monroe County Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Ruth Becker. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (six) per each vacancy. Please prepare separate lists for this vacancy.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Friday, July 30, 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 Mark H. Jones
Sixteenth Circuit Chief Judge