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Ms. Courtney K. Grimm  
Chair – Fourth Judicial Circuit  
Judicial Nominating Commission  
PO Box 1366  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

Dear Ms. Grimm:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Fourth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Fourth Judicial Circuit. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Karen K. Cole. 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 **Saturday, August 14, 2021**. This includes a discretionary extension of 15 days, as authorized by Article V, Section 11(c) of the Florida Constitution.

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 Annie Ortega (850-717-9448; Annie.Ortega@eog.myflorida.com) will contact you to these ends.

The Commission's handling of this matter is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Uthmeier".

James Uthmeier  
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Mark H. Mahon  
Chief Judge