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Mr. D. David Keller  
Chair-Seventeenth Circuit  
Judicial Nominating Commission  
500 E. Broward Blvd.  
Ste. 1400  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33394

Dear Mr. Keller:

Governor Scott has directed me to request that you convene the Seventeenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointments to the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Court. These appointments are to fill the vacancies created by the resignation of Judge Renee Goldenberg and Judge Dale Ross. 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 **Monday, September 19, 2016**. The deadline is final as it includes the discretionary 30-day extension 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. JNC Coordinator Laura Dane (850-717-9313; [Laura.Dane@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:Laura.Dane@eog.myflorida.com)) will contact you to these ends.

The Commission's expeditious handling of this matter is most appreciated. If I may be of assistance to you or the members of the Commission, please call me at (850) 717-9310.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William N. Spicola".

William N. Spicola  
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Peter Weinstein  
Chief Judge