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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 and the Broward County Court. These appointments are to fill the vacancies created by the resignations of Judge Thomas M. Lynch, IV (circuit court), Judge Arthur M. Birken (circuit court), and Judge Martin Dishowitz (county court). 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 **Tuesday, January 3, 2017**. 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 Stephanie Nieset (850-717-9313; Stephanie.Nieset@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 black ink, appearing to read "William N. Spicola".

William N. Spicola
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Peter Weinstein
Chief Judge