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Office of Governor Rick Scott
State of Florida
The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Re: December 2015 Nominations – 1st DCA JNC

Dear Governor Scott,

The Judicial Nominating Commission for the First District Court of Appeal conducted two days of interviews for two 1st DCA vacancies Monday and Tuesday and completed our deliberations Tuesday. We are pleased to submit to you, in alphabetical order, the following 12 applicants the JNC found to be the best qualified of the 30 applicants for the positions:

1. Judge Kevin Blazs
2. Judge W. Joel Boles
3. Michael P. Dickey
4. Stephen Emmanuel
5. Jessie Leigh Harrell
6. Judge Harvey L. Jay
7. George Levesque
8. J. Daniel McCarthy
9. Jessica Varn
10. Gregory Venz
11. Craig Willis
12. Allen Winsor

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On behalf of the entire Commission, thank you for the privilege of serving the State of Florida in this critical process for selecting the best qualified appellate judges for our district.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: Tim Cerio, General Counsel
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