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Mr. Edward Fleming  
Vice Chair- First District Court of Appeal  
Judicial Nominating Commission  
25 W. Government Street  
Pensacola, Florida 32502

Dear Mr. Fleming:

Governor Scott asks that you convene the First District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the First District Court of Appeal. This appointment is to fill a vacancy brought about by the retirement of Judge William Van Nortwick. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (six) for this vacancy.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Monday, November 10, 2014**. 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. Sec. 43.291(7), Fla. Stat. (2012). This includes all essential administrative needs such as document distribution, public announcements and the like. JNC Coordinator Laura Bax (850-717-9313; [Laura.Bax@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:Laura.Bax@eog.myflorida.com)) will contact you to these ends.

The Commissioner'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) 717-9321.

Sincerely,

Peter Antonacci  
General Counsel

cc: Joseph Lewis, Jr.  
Chief Judge