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Mr. Fred E. Karlinsky  
Chair – Seventeenth Circuit  
Judicial Nominating Commission  
100 SE 3rd Avenue, Floor 23rd Floor  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33394-0002

Dear Mr. Karlinsky:

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 consideration and appointment to the Broward County Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Gary R. Cowart. 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, December 8, 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) 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,

Peter Antonacci  
General Counsel

cc: Peter Weinstein  
Chief Judge