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Mr. Stephen Pitre  
Chair- Judicial Nominating Commission  
First Judicial Circuit  
1 Independent Drive, Suite 1800  
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Dear Mr. Pitre:

Governor Scott has directed me to request that you convene the First 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 First Judicial Circuit Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the appointment of Judge Ross L. Bilbrey to the District Court of Appeal. 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, March 9, 2015**. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Timothy M. Cerio".

Timothy M. Cerio  
General Counsel

cc: Terry D. Terrell  
Chief Judge