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Mr. Kenneth B. Evers  
Chair- Judicial Nominating Commission  
Tenth Circuit  
P.O. Box 1308  
Wauchula, Florida 33873

Dear Mr. Evers:

Governor Scott asks that you convene the Tenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Polk County Court. This appointment is to fill a vacancy brought about by the appointment of Judge Kelly P. Butz to the Circuit Court. 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, March 30, 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 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) 717-9310.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Timothy M. Cerio, written in a cursive style.

Timothy M. Cerio  
General Counsel

cc: William Bruce Smith  
Chief Judge