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February 19, 2015

Office of Governor Rick Scott State of Florida The Capitol 400 South Monroe St. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Re: February, 2015 Interviews – 1st DCA JNC

Dear Governor Scott,

The Judicial Nomination Commission for the First District Court of Appeals conducted interviews on Thursday, and completed our deliberations Thursday afternoon. We are pleased to submit to you, in alphabetical order, the following six applicants the JNC found to be best qualified out of the 18 applicants for the position:

- 1. Kevin Blazs
- 2. James H. Daniel
- 3. Stephen Emmanuel
- 4. James C. Hankinson
- 5 Susan L. Kelsey
- 6. Gregory Venz

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Thank you for giving us the privilege of serving the State of Florida in this critical role in the process of selecting the best qualified appellate judges for our district.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, Judicial Nomination Commission

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