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Mr. Phillip Hutchinson  
Chair-Fifteenth Circuit  
Judicial Nominating Commission  
777 S. Flagler Dr., Ste. 300 East  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401-6161

Dear Mr. Hutchinson:

Governor Scott has directed me to request that you convene the Fifteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court. These appointments are to fill the vacancies created by the resignations of Judge Stephen A. Rapp and Judge David F. Crow. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (six) for each vacancy.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Monday, April 27, 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: Jeffrey Colbath  
Chief Judge