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Mr. Gilbert Lee Feltel, Jr.
Chair- Judicial Nominating Commission
Fourth Judicial Circuit
Tanner Bishop
1 Independent Drive, Ste. 1700
Jacksonville, Florida 32202-5015

Dear Mr. Feltel:

Governor Scott has directed me to request that you convene the Fourth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Fourth Judicial Circuit Court and the Clay County Court. These appointments are to fill the vacancies created by the resignations of Judge David C. Wiggins and Judge Richard R. Townsend. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (six) for each vacancy.

The Commission's deadlines for completion of its work are **Monday, June 15, 2015** (county court) **and Monday, June 22, 2015** (circuit court). These deadlines are final as they include 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: The Honorable Mark H. Mahon-
Chief Judge