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R. Todd Harris
Chair-Judicial Nominating Commission
First Judicial Circuit
McDonald Fleming Moorhead
25 West Government St.
Pensacola, Florida 32502-5813

Dear Mr. Harris:

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 the two appointments to the First Judicial Circuit Court. These appointments are to fill the vacancies created by the resignations of Judge Terry D. Terrell and Judge T. Michael Jones. 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, October 5, 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. (2014). This includes all essential administrative needs such as document distribution, public announcements and the like. JNC Coordinator Laura Dane (850-717-9313; Laura.Dane@ecg.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 Linda Nobles
Chief Judge