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Mr. Russell T. Kirshy
Chair- Judicial Nominating Commission
Twentieth Circuit
3841 Tamiami Trail, Ste. A
Port Charlotte, Florida 33952

Dear Mr. Kirshy:

Governor Scott has directed me to request that you convene the Twentieth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Twentieth Judicial Circuit Court and the Lee County Court. These appointments are to fill the three vacancies created by the Resignations of Judge Cynthia A. Pivacek, Judge R. Thomas Corbin, and Judge Frank Mann, Jr. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (six) for each of the three vacancies.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Monday, December 28, 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@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 Michael T. McHugh
Chief Judge