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Mr. Robert N. Clarke, Jr.  
Chair- Judicial Nominating Commission  
Second Judicial Circuit  
P.O. Box 391  
Tallahassee, Florida 32302

Dear Mr. Clarke:

Governor Scott has directed me to request that you convene the Second Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Second Judicial Circuit Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the Supreme Court's Order in case No. SC15-786. 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 **Tuesday, December 15, 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](mailto: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 "Heather Stearns".

Heather Stearns  
Deputy General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Jonathan Sjostrom  
Chief Judge