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Mr. Laird Lile  
Vice Chair- Second District Court of Appeal  
Judicial Nominating Commission  
3033 Riviera Dr.  
Ste. 104  
Naples, Florida 34103

Dear Mr. Lile:

Governor Scott has directed me to request that you convene the Second District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Second District Court of Appeal. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Chris W. Altenbernd. 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 4, 2016**. 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. (2015). 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 "Timothy M. Cerio".

Timothy M. Cerio  
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Craig C. Villanti  
Chief Judge