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SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

Dear Commission Members:

Governor Scott has directed me to request that you convene the Third 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 Third District Court of Appeal. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Frank A. Shepherd. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (six) for this vacancy. Pursuant to the Uniform Rules for DCA Judicial Nominating Commissions, the Commission should also meet to elect by majority vote a chair of the Commission. Those Commission members whose terms have expired should continue to serve.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Tuesday, January 3, 2017**. 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, pursuant to section 43.291(7), Florida Statutes. This includes all essential administrative needs such as document distribution, public announcements and the like. JNC Coordinator Stephanie Nieset (850-717-9313; Stephanie.Nieset@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 black ink, appearing to read "William N. Spicola".

William N. Spicola
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Richard J. Suarez
Chief Judge