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Mr. Hugh C. Umsted, Chair
Sixth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission
5709 Gulf Drive
New Port Richey, Florida 34652-4018

Dear Mr. Umsted:

Governor Scott has asked me to request that you convene the Sixth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified individuals for consideration and appointment to the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge W. Lowell Bray, Jr. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (six) for each vacancy.

The Commission has until **Tuesday, October 29, 2013**, to complete its work. This 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 General Counsel's Office staff. Sec 43.291(7), Fla. Stat. (2012). This includes all essential administrative needs such as document distribution, public announcements and the like. Laura Bax will contact you for these purposes. And she may also be reached at (850) 717-9313 and Laura.Bax@eog.myflorida.com.

Your expeditious handling of this matter is most appreciated. If I may be of assistance to you, please call me at (850) 717-9310.

Sincerely,

Peter Antonacci
General Counsel

cc: Chief Judge J. Thomas McGrady