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Mr. Paul A. Donnelly, Chair  
Eighth Judicial Circuit  
Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission  
2772 Northwest 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite S  
Gainesville, Florida 32606

Dear Mr. Donnelly:

Governor Scott has directed me to request that you convene the Eighth Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified individuals for consideration and appointment to the Eight Judicial Circuit Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Martha Ann Lott, effective May 31, 2013. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (six) for each vacancy.

The Commission has until **Tuesday, May 7, 2013**, to complete this undertaking. The deadline is final as it includes the discretionary 30-day extension authorized by Article V, Section 11(c) of the Florida Constitution.

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

PA/dml  
cc: Hon. Robert Roundtree  
Chief Judge