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Mr. Christopher L. Carmody, Jr.  
Chair – Ninth Circuit  
Judicial Nominating Commission  
301 East Pine Street, Suite 1400  
Orlando, Florida 32801-2741

Dear Mr. Carmody:

Governor Scott has directed me to request that you convene the Ninth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the death of Judge Scott Polodna. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (six) for the vacancy.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Monday, February 13, 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 (850-717-9310; 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 blue ink, appearing to read "B. Gibson".

Benjamin Gibson  
Deputy General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Frederick L. Lauten  
Chief Judge