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Mr. Tad Allen Yates, Chair
Ninth Judicial Circuit
Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission
3117 Edgewater Drive
Orlando, Florida 32804

Dear Tad:

Governor Scott has directed me to request that you convene the Ninth Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor Nominees for appointment to the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Frederic Rand Wallis due to his appointment to the Fifth District Court of Appeal, effective June 4, 2013.

The Commission has until **Monday, August 12, 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. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (six) for this vacancy.

For my part, the Commission's expeditious handling of this matter is greatly appreciated. If I may be of assistance to you or the members of the Commission, please call me at (850) 717-9310.

Sincerely,

Peter Antonacci
General Counsel

cc: Hon. Belvin Perry