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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 Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for consideration and appointment to the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Anthony H. Johnson. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (six) for each vacancy.

The Commission has until **Tuesday, November 19, 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.

Administrative support for the Commission will be provided by the Governor's Office. 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. She can be reached at (850) 717-9313 and Laura.Bax@eog.myflorida.com.

The Commissioner'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,

Peter Antonacci
General Counsel

cc: Hon. Belvin Perry
Chief Judge