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Governor Rick Scott
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

RE: Judicial Nominating Commission
Applicants for 14th Judicial Circuit
Court Vacancy

Dear Governor Scott:

As per your request and pursuant to the Florida Constitution and Florida Statutes, the 14th Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission recently convened in order to begin the process of filling the vacancy that was created when Circuit Court Judge Hentz McClellan recently announced his retirement.

The Commission received seventeen (17) applications from interested members of the Florida Bar. Of those, the Commission chose to interview seven (7) individuals in order to determine their fitness for appointment. Those interviews took place on May 31st.

Upon completion of the interview process, the Commission proceeded directly to deliberations. After much discussion and careful consideration, the Commission unanimously agreed that the following six (6) candidates, who are listed in alphabetical order, are highly qualified and more than capable to fill the position available.

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| 1. Maria Dykes | 4. Jeremy Shad Redmon |
| 2. James Jefferson Goodman, Jr. | 5. Dustin Stephenson |
| 3. Holly Kathleen Melzer | 6. Brandon J. Young |

Please find enclosed with this letter the six (6) applications along with all letters of recommendation that were submitted to the Commission. If after reviewing these materials you should have any questions or concerns, you may contact me at my office at 850-763-6335.


Yours truly,



Waylon Graham
Chairman
14th Judicial Circuit
Judicial Nominating Commission



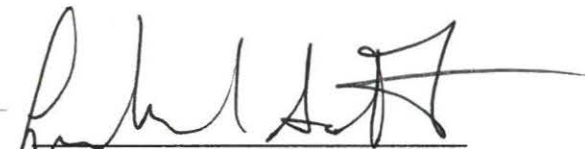
Brandon R. Burg, Member



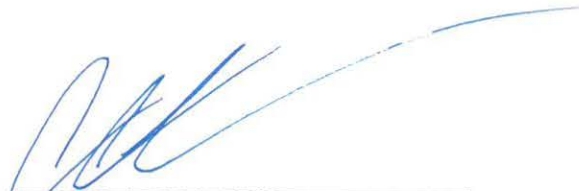
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