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Mr. Derek Schroth  
Chair – Fifth Circuit  
Judicial Nominating Commission  
600 Jennings Avenue  
Eustis, Florida 32726

Dear Mr. Schroth:

Governor DeSantis has directed me to request that you convene the Fifth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Fifth Judicial Circuit Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of **Circuit Judge Don Briggs**.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Friday, April 5, 2019**. 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 Erin Kraeft (850-717-9310; Erin.Kraeft@eog.myflorida.com) will contact you to these ends.

The Commission's expeditious handling of this matter is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Jacquot".

Joe Jacquot  
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Sue Robbins  
Chief Judge