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Mr. Matthew Adam Klein
Chair – Ninth Circuit
Judicial Nominating Commission
390 North Orange Avenue, Suite 1285
Orlando, Florida 32801

Dear Mr. Klein:

Governor DeSantis 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 resignation of **Circuit Judge Frederick Lauten**.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Friday, May 17, 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", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joe Jacquot
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Frederick Lauten
Chief Judge