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Mr. Timothy McCausland
Chair – Tenth Circuit
Judicial Nominating Commission
228 South Massachusetts Avenue
Lakeland, Florida 33801

Dear Mr. McCausland:

Governor DeSantis has directed me to request that you convene the Tenth Circuit Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Tenth Circuit Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the elevation of **Circuit Judge Andrea Smith**.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Friday, March 15, 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: Judge Donald Jacobsen
Chief Judge