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Mr. Luis E. Suarez
Chair – Eleventh Circuit
Judicial Nominating Commission
100 S.E. 2nd St., Ste. 2800
Miami, Florida 33131-2124

Dear Mr. Suarez:

Governor Scott has directed me to request that you convene the Eleventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court. These appointments are to fill the **two vacancies** created by the elevation of Circuit Judge Norma S. Lindsey to the Third District Court of Appeal, and the resignation of Circuit Judge Gisela Cardonne Ely. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (six) for each vacancy.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Monday, August 14, 2017**. 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 Stephanie Nieset (850-717-9310; Stephanie.Nieset@eog.myflorida.com) will contact you to these ends.

The Commission'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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel Nordby".

Daniel E. Nordby
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Bertila Soto, Chief Judge