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Ms. Pamela E. Langham  
Chair – First Circuit  
Judicial Nominating Commission  
Office of General Counsel, University of West Florida  
11000 University Parkway  
Pensacola, Florida 32514

Dear Ms. Langham:

Governor Scott has directed me to request that you convene the First Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the **Okaloosa County Court**. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of **County Judge T. Patterson Maney**. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (six) for the vacancy.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Tuesday, March 27, 2018**. 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, appearing to read "John P. Heekin".

John P. Heekin  
Chief Deputy General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Linda L. Nobles  
Chief Judge