

January 22, 2018

Mr. Michael John Griffith
Chair – First Circuit
Judicial Nominating Commission
Post Office Box 848
Pensacola, Florida 32591

Dear Mr. Griffith:

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 First Judicial Circuit Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of **Circuit Judge Edward P. Nickinson, III**. 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 **Friday, March 23, 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,

Daniel E. Nordby
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Linda L. Nobles
Chief Judge