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Mr. Michael C. Sasso
Chair – Fifth District Court of Appeal
Judicial Nominating Commission
1031 West Morse Boulevard, Suite 120
Winter Park, Florida 32789

Dear Mr. Sasso:

Governor Scott has directed me to request that you convene the Fifth District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointments to the Fifth District Court of Appeal. These appointments are to fill the vacancies created by the resignations of **Judge Thomas D. Sawaya** and **Judge William D. Palmer**. 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, June 4, 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 that reads "Daniel Nordby".

Daniel E. Nordby
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Jay P. Cohen
Chief Judge