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Ms. Mary A. Nardella  
Chair – Ninth Circuit  
Judicial Nominating Commission  
Post Office Box 1873  
Orlando, Florida 32802-1873

Dear Ms. Nardella:

Governor Scott has directed me to request that you convene the Ninth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of **Circuit Judge Christi L. Underwood**. 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 **Monday, January 22, 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 Frederick J. Lauten, Chief Judge