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September 25, 2017

Ms. Cynthia Sullivan Oster Chair – Second District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission Hillsborough County Attorney 601 East Kennedy Boulevard, Floor 27 Tampa, Florida 33602

Dear Ms. Oster:

Governor Scott has directed me to request that you convene the Second District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Second District Court of Appeal. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the constitutionally-mandated retirement of Judge Douglas A. Wallace. 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**, **November 27**, **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,

Daniel E. Nordby General Counsel

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cc: The Honorable Edward C. LaRose Chief Judge