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Ms. Lara Tibbals Chair- Second District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission P.O. Box 2231 Tampa, Florida 33601-2231

Dear Ms. Tibbals:

Congratulations on your election as Chair of the Second District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission. To join you in the work of the Commission, Governor Scott has made the following three appointments today to the Second District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission vacancies: Robert E. Biasotti, St. Petersburg, Kristie Hatcher-Bolin, Winter Haven, and Laird Lile, Naples.

Now, Governor Scott asks 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 the appointments to the Second District Court of Appeal. These appointments are to fill the vacancies brought about by the Legislature's creation this Session of two new judgeships in the Second District. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (six) for each vacnacy.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Tuesday**, **October 28**, **2014.** 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. Sec. 43.291(7), Fla. Stat. (2012). This includes all essential administrative needs such as document distribution, public announcements and the like. JNC Coordinator Laura Bax (850-717-9313; Laura.Bax@eog.myflorida.com) will contact you to these ends.

The Commissioner'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) 717-9321.

Sincerely

Peter Antonacci

General Counsel