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Mr. Michael Marder  
Chair- Fifth District Court of Appeal  
Judicial Nominating Commission  
201 E. Pine St. Ste. 500  
Orlando, Florida 32801

Dear Mr. Marder:

Governor Scott asks 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 appointment to the Fifth District Court of Appeal. This appointment is to fill a vacancy brought about by the Legislature's creation this Session of a new judgeship in the Fifth District. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (six) for this vacancy.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Monday, September 22, 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