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Ms. Christine Hernandez-Baldwin  
Chair-Eleventh Circuit  
Judicial Nominating Commission  
Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office  
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Miami, FL 33136

Dear Ms. Hernandez-Baldwin:

Congratulations on your election as Chair of the Eleventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission. To join you in the work of the Commission, today, Governor Scott made the following three appointments to the Eleventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission vacancies: Robert H. Fernandez, Hans Ottinot, and Luis E. Suarez

Governor Scott has directed me to request that you convene the Eleventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for consideration and appointment to the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court. These appointments are to fill the vacancies created by the appointments of both Judge Darrin P. Gayles and Judge Beth Bloom to the federal bench. 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 **Friday, September 12, 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](mailto: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) 717-9310.

Sincerely,

Peter Antonacci  
General Counsel

cc: Bertila Soto  
Chief Judge