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Mr. Keith Sonderling  
Chair- Fourth District Court of Appeal  
Judicial Nominating Commission  
777 S. Flagler Dr.  
Ste. 500 East  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

Dear Mr. Sonderling:

Governor Scott has directed me to request that you convene the Fourth 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 Fourth District Court of Appeal. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge W. Matthew Stevenson. 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, September 19, 2016**. 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 Laura Dane (850-717-9313; [Laura.Dane@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:Laura.Dane@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, appearing to read "William N. Spicola".

William N. Spicola  
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Cory J. Ciklin  
Chief Judge