



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

October 14, 2016

Mr. Jason Unger
Chair-Supreme Court
Judicial Nominating Commission
301 S. Bronough Street
Ste. 600
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Dear Mr. Unger:

I am requesting that you convene the Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to me the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Florida Supreme Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Justice James E.C. Perry. I strongly prefer submission of the maximum number of nominees (six) for the vacancy.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Tuesday, December 13, 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) will contact you to these ends.

The Commission's expeditious handling of this matter is most appreciated. If you or the members of the Commission may need any assistance, please contact my General Counsel William Spicola at (850) 717-9310.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".

Rick Scott
Governor

cc: The Honorable Jorge Labarga
Chief Justice