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Mr. Derek A. Schroth  
Fifth Circuit – Chair  
Judicial Nominating Commission  
600 Jennings Ave.  
Eustis, Florida 32726

Dear Mr. Schroth:

Governor Scott has directed me to request that you convene the Fifth 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 Fifth Judicial Circuit Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Hale R. Stancil. 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 **Monday, October 26, 2015**. 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. (2014). 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 "Timothy M. Cerio".

Timothy M. Cerio  
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Don Briggs  
Chief Judge