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Ms. Jamie Finizio-Bascombe, Chair
Seventeenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission
106 E. Ninth Street
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33316

Dear Ms. Finizio-Bascombe:

Governor Scott has asked me to request that you convene the Seventeenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified individuals for consideration and appointment to the Broward County Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the appointment of Judge Stacy Ross to the Circuit Court bench. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (six) for each vacancy.

The Commission has until **Tuesday, October 1, 2013**, to complete its work. This deadline is final as it already 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. Laura Bax will contact you for these purposes. Ms. Bax can be reached at (850) 717-9313 and Laura.Bax@eog.myflorida.com.

Your expeditious handling of this matter is most appreciated. If I may be of assistance to you, please call me at (850) 717-9310.

Sincerely,

Peter Antonacci
General Counsel

cc: Chief Judge Peter M. Weinstein