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Mr. Derek A. Schroth, Chair
Fifth Circuit 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 William J. Singbush. 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, December 6, 2013**. 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. Laura Bax will contact you for these purposes. She can be reached at (850) 717-9313 and Laura.Bax@eog.myflorida.com.

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: Don Briggs-
Chief Judge