

**TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION**

September 20, 2024

The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor of Florida
The Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Attention: Meredith Pardo, Assistant General Counsel

Via e-mail transmission

**IN RE: CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES TO FILL JUDICIAL VACANCY ON THE
TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

Dear Governor DeSantis:

On August 20, 2024, you requested that I convene the Twentieth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to you the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Circuit Court vacancy following the enactment of HB 5104 creating a new judgeship in our Circuit.

The Commission conducted interviews with twenty-one (21) applicants on September 20, 2024. On behalf of my fellow Commissioners, I am pleased to forward the following names for your consideration and appointment to the bench (in alphabetical order):

Hon. Michael Brown
Hon. Darrell Hill
Michael Hopkins
Ryan Kuhl
James Stewart
Dennis Wallace

Original, unredacted copies of the applications submitted by the certified nominees, as well as all investigative material will be sent via separate email. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Steven E. Martin
Steven E. Martin
Chair

Twentieth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

cc: Honorable J. Frank Porter, Chief Judge
Commissioners