

February 12, 2024

The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Office of the Governor
The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399
GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com
Via Email

Re: Certification of Nominees

Dear Governor DeSantis:

On February 12, 2024, the Judicial Nominating Commission for the First Judicial Circuit conducted interviews of the applicants to fill the vacancy on the First Judicial Circuit for Walton County Court created by the retirement of Judge David Green. The Commission is pleased to submit to you, in alphabetical order, the following qualified applicants:

1. James Dowgul
2. Joshua Mitchell
3. Sarah Oberliesen
4. Kelvin Wells

Thank you for the privilege to serve the State of Florida and the First Judicial Circuit.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert L. Jones, III
Chair, Judicial Nominating Commission
First Judicial Circuit

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