FIRST DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION NOTICE OF INTERVIEWS

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The First District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) received eleven applications for the vacancy on the First District Court of Appeal created by the resignation of Judge James Wolf. Nine of the eleven applicants were interviewed by the JNC on August 29-30, 2019 for the vacancies caused by the resignations of Judges Windsor and Wetherell. Two individuals are first time applicants.

Following extensive discussion at its public meeting on April 3, 2020, the JNC decided to interview the two first-time applicants, Mark Urban and Donna Perry. The interviews schedule for April 22, 2020 are as follows: Donna Perry 9:00 a.m. for 30 minutes. Mark Urban at 9:45 a.m. for 30 minutes. Time is Eastern Daylight Time.

The JNC has not eliminated any applicant from consideration. Rather, given the recency of the interviews of the other nine applicants and the challenges the entire legal community of Florida faces at this time, the JNC is providing the nine applicants not being interviewed the opportunity to submit a statement updating the JNC on anything the applicant wishes to share about themselves and their work experience since August 2019. Such statements are limited to one thousand (1,000) words. Statements must be received by NOON/EDT on April 20, 2020 to be considered. They should be sent to the JNC via email to rdoran@ausly.com and cc to nnelson@ausley.com

The dial-in information for the public to listen to the interviews are:

<u>1-866-469-3239</u> Call-in toll-free number (US/Canada) <u>1-650-429-3300</u> Call-in toll number (US/Canada)

At the conclusion of the interviews, the JNC will move to closed session to deliberate and nominate individuals for consideration by Governor DeSantis.

The JNC welcomes comments on the qualifications of any of the applicants. Those wishing to comment should do so in writing to Richard Doran, P. O. Box 391, Tallahassee, FL 32302 or by email to rdoran@ausley.com. The members of the Judicial Nominating Commission are: Richard Doran, Benjamin Gibson, Adam Brandon, Christa Calamas, Christine Davis, Edward Fleming, Gary Hunter, Mohammad Jazil, and Peter Penrod.