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Ms. Debra Jenks Vice Chair – Fourth District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission 1555 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard, FI 16 West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

Dear Ms. Jenks:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Fourth District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Fourth District Court of Appeal. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Appellate Judge Carole Taylor. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (six) for the vacancy.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Monday**, **May 4**, **2020**. This includes a discretionary extension as authorized by Article V, Section 11(c) of the Florida Constitution.

Administrative support for the Commission will be provided by the Governor's Office, pursuant to section 43.291(7), Florida Statutes. This includes all essential administrative needs such as document distribution, public announcements and the like. Our JNC Coordinator Erin Kraeft (850-717-9310; Erin.Kraeft@eog.myflorida.com) will contact you to these ends.

The Commission's handling of this matter is most appreciated.

Sincerely

Joe Jacquot

General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Spencer Levine Chief Judge