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Mr. Anthony Waylon Graham Chair – Fourteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission 303 Timber Lane Panama City, Florida 32405

Dear Mr. Graham:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Fourteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Fourteenth Circuit Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Michael Overstreet. 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 25**, **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.

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General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Christopher Patterson Chief Judge