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Mr. Robert W. Batsel, Jr.  
Chair – Fifth Circuit  
Judicial Nominating Commission  
1531 South East 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Ocala, Florida 34471

Dear Mr. Batsel:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Fifth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Citrus County Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by House Bill 5011, which amended Florida Statute 34.022, regarding the number of Judges for each circuit. 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 **Friday, August 30, 2019**. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Jacquot", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joe Jacquot  
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Sue Robbins  
Chief Judge