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Mr. Hayden O'Byrne
Chair – Eleventh Circuit
Judicial Nominating Commission
200 South Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 3900
Miami, Florida 33131

Dear Mr. O'Byrne:

Hayden

Governor DeSantis has directed me to request that you convene the 11th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Dade County Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the elevation of **County Judges Michelle Barakat and Tanya Brinkley**. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (twelve) for the vacancies.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Thursday, May 2, 2019**. In cases where a discretionary extension of no more than thirty days is necessary, as authorized by Article V, Section 11(c) of the Florida Constitution, please contact me to discuss that request.

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 expeditious handling of this matter is most appreciated. If I may be of assistance to you or the members of the Commission, please call me at (850) 717-9310.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Jacquot".

Joe Jacquot
General Counsel