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Mr. Gilbert M. Singer
Chair – Thirteenth Circuit
Judicial Nominating Commission
5104 South West Shore Boulevard
Tampa, Florida 33611

Dear Mr. Singer:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Thirteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Thirteenth Circuit Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the confirmation of Judge Tom Barber to the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida. 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 **Tuesday, July 30, 2019**. The deadline is final as it coincides with the vacancy created by Judge Tharpe's resignation.

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".

Joe Jacquot
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Ronald Ficarrotta
Chief Judge