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Ms. Pamela Langham
Chair – First Circuit
Judicial Nominating Commission
11000 University Parkway
Pensacola, Florida 32514

Dear Mr. Langham:


Governor DeSantis has directed me to request that you convene the First Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the First Judicial Circuit Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of **County Judge Joyce Williams**. Judge Williams has made her resignation effective March 31, 2019.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Friday, May 17, 2019**. The deadline is final as it includes the discretionary 30-day extension authorized by Article V, Section 11(c) of the Florida Constitution. However, given the short notice of retirement, we strongly urge the commission to complete its task on an expediated manner to limit the length of a vacancy.

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. 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.

Sincerely,



Joe Jacquot
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Linda Nobles
Chief Judge