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Mr. Aaron Haak  
Chair – Twentieth Circuit  
Judicial Nominating Commission  
Kubicki Draper  
13350 Metro Pkwy Ste 401  
Fort Myers, FL 33966-4796

Dear Mr. Haak:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Twentieth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Lee County Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by resignation of Judge James Adams. 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, May 14, 2021**. In cases where a discretionary extension of no more than thirty days is needed, as authorized by Article V, Section 11(c) of the Florida Constitution, please contact me.

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 Judicial Coordinator Emily Dunson (850-717-9310; [Emily.Dunson@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:Emily.Dunson@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 "James Uthmeier".

James Uthmeier  
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Michael T. McHugh  
Chief Judge