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Ms. Shanta Matthews
Chair – Fifth Circuit
108 N Magnolia Ave
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RE: Marion County Court Vacancy – Retirement of Judge Sarah Ritterhoff Williams

Dear Ms. Matthews:

On February 22, 2021, the Fifth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission was requested to convene for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Marion County Court, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Sarah Ritterhoff Williams. The Commission deadline for completion of this undertaking was set as **Tuesday, March 23, 2021**.

Your request for a deadline extension, as authorized by Article V, Section 11(c) of the Florida Constitution, is granted. This extension is for eight days, and the Commission's new deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Wednesday, March 31, 2021**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Uthmeier".

James Uthmeier
Acting General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Daniel B. Merritt, Jr.
Chief Judge