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Ms. Christine L. Derr  
Chair – Thirteenth Judicial Circuit  
Judicial Nominating Commission  
100 S. Ashley Dr. Suite 300  
Tampa, FL 33602

Dear Ms. Derr:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Thirteenth Judicial 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 Judicial Circuit. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the passing of Judge Carl C. Hinson on December 3, 2021 and declared by the Governor on January 27, 2022. 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 **Sunday, February 27, 2022**. 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 JNC Coordinator Annie Ortega (850-717-9448; Annie.Ortega@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 "Ryan Newman".

Ryan Newman  
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Ronald Ficarrotta  
Chief Judge