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Mr. Robert Harvey  
Chair – Fifteenth Judicial Circuit  
Jenks & Harvey LLP  
1555 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. Fl 16  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Dear Mr. Harvey:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Fifteenth 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 Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court and Palm Beach County Court. These appointments are to fill the vacancies created by the elevations of Judge Renatha Francis, effective August 31, 2022, and Judge Melanie Surber, effective July 29, 2022. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (six) for each vacancy.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Friday, October 7, 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 Director of Judicial Appointments, Meredith Pardo (850-717-9448; Meredith.Pardo@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 Glenn Kelley  
Chief Judge