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September 26, 2023

Ms. Helen Roberson



Dear Ms. Roberson:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Fourth 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 Fourth Judicial Circuit. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Don Lester. 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 **Thursday, October 26, 2023**. 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', written over a horizontal line.

Ryan Newman
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Lance M. Day
Chief Judge