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Mr. Terrence White
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Dear Mr. White:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Seventh 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 Seventh Judicial Circuit Court and Putnam County Court. These appointments are to fill the vacancies created by the resignation of Judge Margaret Hudson, effective January 4, 2023, and the elevation of Judge Joseph Boatwright, effective December 31, 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 **Wednesday, February 15, 2023**. In cases where a discretionary extension of no more than twenty 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 James R. Clayton
Chief Judge