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November 1, 2023

Mr. Eric Jontz

Dear Mr. Jontz:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Ninth 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 Osceola County Court (two vacancies) and Orange County Court (two vacancies). This appointment is to fill the vacancies created by the resignation of Judge Bain and the elevation of Judge Arendas, Judge Epperson, and Judge Sandor. 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 **Sunday, December 31, 2023**.

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 Lisa Munyon
Chief Judge