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Mr. Jay Willingham Jr.
Chair – Third Judicial Circuit
Judicial Nominating Commission
1235 NW U.S. Highway 129
Jasper, FL 32052

Dear Mr. Willingham:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Third 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 Hamilton County Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Sonny Scaff, effective November 2, 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 **Tuesday, January 3, 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,


Ryan Newman
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Mark Feagle
Chief Judge