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Mr. Robert Harvey
Chair – Fifteenth Judicial Circuit
Judicial Nominating Commission
Jenks & Harvey LLP
1555 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. 16th Floor
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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 two appointments to the Palm Beach County Court. These appointments are to fill the vacancies created by the retirements of Judge Mark T. Eissey, effective January 31, 2022, and Judge Leonard Hanser, effective February 28, 2022. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (six) for each vacancy. Please be advised that the Commission must submit at least three nominees for each vacancy when the Commission certifies a single list for multiple vacancies. *In re Advisory Opinion to the Governor*, 551 So. 2d 1205, 1209 (Fla. 1989); *see also* Op. Att’y Gen. Fla. 1993-87 (1993).

The Commission’s deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Sunday, February 27, 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 JNC Coordinator Annie Ortega (850-717-9448; Annie.Ortega@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