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Mr. Joseph Van de Bogart  
Chair – Seventeenth Judicial Circuit  
Judicial Nominating Commission  
2850 N Andrews Ave.  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Dear Mr. Van de Bogart:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Seventeenth 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 Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Court. This appointment is for the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Tarlika Nunez-Navarro. 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, October 17, 2021**. 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 blue ink signature of James Uthmeier.

James Uthmeier  
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Jack Tuter  
Chief Judge