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Mr. Carter Andersen
Chair – Thirteenth Judicial Circuit
Judicial Nominating Commission
1801 North Highland Ave.
Tampa, Florida 33602

Dear Mr. Andersen:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Thirteenth 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 Hillsborough County Court. These appointments are to fill three of the six new vacancies effective July 1, 2021. 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, August 11, 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, written in a cursive style.

James Uthmeier
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Ronald Ficarrota
Chief Judge