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Ms. Miranda Soto  
Chair – Eleventh Circuit  
Judicial Nominating Commission  
One Biscayne Tower  
2 S. Biscayne Blvd. Ste. 1500  
Miami, FL 33131

Dear Ms. Soto:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Eleventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointments to the Miami-Dade County Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancies created by the resignation of Judge Diana Vizcaino, effective October 4, 2021. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (six) per each vacancy.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Thursday, October 28, 2021**. In cases where a discretionary extension of no more than fifteen 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 "James Uthmeier".

James Uthmeier  
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Nushin G. Sayfie  
Chief Judge