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Mr. Robert Harvey Chair – Fifteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission Jenks & Harvey LLP 1555 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd Fl 16 West Palm Beach, FL 33401-2323

Dear Mr. Harvey:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Fifteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Palm Beach County Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the elevation of Judge Bradley Harper. 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 **Saturday**, **November 20**, **2021**. Please note that this includes a discretionary extension of 14 days, as authorized by Article V, Section 11(c) of the Florida Constitution.

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.

Ryan Newman General Counsel

The Honorable Glenn Kelley Fifteenth Circuit Chief Judge

cc: