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Mr. Jeff Aaron
Chair – Ninth Judicial Circuit
Judicial Nominating Commission
301 E Pine St. Ste 1400
Orlando, FL 32801-2741

Dear Mr. Aaron:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Ninth 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 Ninth Judicial Circuit Court and one appointment to the Orange County Court. These appointments are for the 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 **Tuesday, August 31, 2021**. This includes a discretionary extension of 30 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.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of James Uthmeier, written in a cursive style.

James Uthmeier
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Lisa T. Munyon
Chief Judge