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Mr. Eric Jontz  
Chair – Ninth Judicial Circuit Court



Dear Mr. Jontz:

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 appointment to the Orange County Court. This appointment is to fill two of the vacancies created by the enactment of HB 5401. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (six) for each vacancy. We kindly request that the Commission send the certified list by **Monday, June 17, 2024**.

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 Director of Judicial Appointments, Meredith Pardo (850-717-9448; Meredith.Pardo@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 "Ryan Newman".

Ryan Newman  
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Lisa Munyon  
Chief Judge