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Mr. Anthony Waylon Graham
Chair – Fourteenth Judicial Circuit
Judicial Nominating Commission
303 Timber Lane
Panama City, FL 32405

Dear Mr. Graham:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Fourteenth 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 Fourteenth Judicial Circuit Court. This appointment is for the new vacancy created by the retirement of Judge John L. Fishel effective December 31, 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 **Thursday, October 28, 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,



James Uthmeier
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Christopher N. Patterson
Chief Judge