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Mr. Daniel J. Gerber  
Chair – Eighteenth Judicial Circuit  
Judicial Nominating Commission  
300 South Orange Avenue Suite 1400  
Orlando, FL 32801

Dear Mr. Gerber:

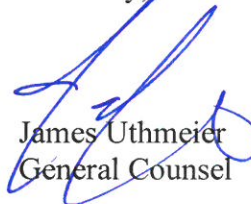
On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the resignation and retirement of Judge Marlene M. Alva. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (six) for the vacancy.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Sunday, August 8, 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 Lisa Davidson  
Chief Judge