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Ms. Kristen D. Hual  
Chair – First Judicial Circuit  
Judicial Nominating Commission  
221 Palafox Place Suite 430  
Pensacola, FL 32502

Dear Ms. Hual:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the First 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 First Judicial Circuit Court. This appointment is for the new vacancy 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 **Sunday, September 12, 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](mailto:Annie.Ortega@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 "James Uthmeier".

James Uthmeier  
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable John L. Miller  
Chief Judge