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Governor Rick Scott  
State of Florida  
The Capitol  
400 S. Monroe St.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

RE: Judicial Nominating Commission  
Applicants for 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Court Vacancy

Dear Governor Scott:

As per your request and pursuant to the Florida Constitution and Florida Statutes, the 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission recently convened in order to begin the process of filling the vacancy that was created when Circuit Court Judge William Wright recently retired.

The Commission received nineteen (19) applications from interested members of the Florida Bar. Of those, the Commission chose to interview fourteen (14) individuals in order to determine their fitness for appointment. Those interviews took place on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Upon completion of the interview process, the Commission proceeded directly to deliberations. After much discussion and careful consideration, the Commission unanimously agreed that the following five (5) candidates are highly qualified and more than capable to fill the position available.

1. Maria Dykes
2. Ana Maria Garcia
3. Holly Kathleen Melzer
4. Jeremy Shad Redmon
5. Dustin Stephenson

Please find enclosed with this letter the five (5) applications along with all letters of recommendation that were submitted to the Commission. If after reviewing these materials you should have any questions or concerns, you may contact me at my office at 850-763-6335.

Yours truly,



Waylon Graham  
Chairman  
14<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Judicial Nominating Commission



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Brandon R. Burg, Member



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Jeffrey S. Carter, Member



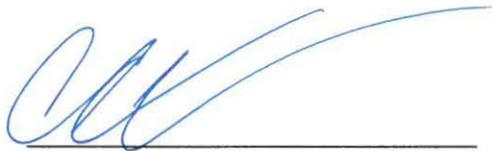
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William A. Lewis, Member



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Lee McArthur Scott, Member



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Charles A. Weddle, Member



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Gregory T. Wilson, Member