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Mr. Walter Harvey
Chair – Eleventh Circuit
Judicial Nominating Commission
1450 North East 2nd Avenue, Suite 400
Miami, Florida 33132

Dear Mr. Harvey:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the Eleventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Miami-Dade County Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancies created by the elevation of Judge Zachary James and Judge Lody Jean to the Eleventh Circuit Court. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (twelve) for the vacancies.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Tuesday, June 16, 2020**. This includes a discretionary extension as authorized by Article V, Section 11(c) of the Florida Constitution.

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 Erin Kraeft (850-717-9310; Erin.Kraeft@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 "Joe Jacquot".

Joe Jacquot
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Bertila Soto
Chief Judge