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Mr. Gary Ray Rutledge  
Chair – First District Court of Appeal  
Judicial Nominating Commission  
119 South Monroe Street, Suite 202  
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Dear Mr. Rutledge:

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, I am requesting that you convene the First District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the First District Court of Appeal. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the confirmation of Judge Allen Winsor to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida. 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 **Saturday, August 30, 2019**. 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 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", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joe Jacquot  
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Bradford Thomas  
Chief Judge