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Mr. Patrick K. Neal, Chair  
Twelfth Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission  
8210 Lakewood Ranch Blvd.  
Bradenton, Florida 34202

Dear Mr. Neal:

Governor Scott has directed me to request that you convene the Twelfth Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for consideration and appointment to the Twelfth Judicial Circuit Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Rick DeFuria, effective July 31, 2013. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (six) for each vacancy.

The Commission has until Monday, June 3, 2013, to complete this undertaking. The deadline is final as it includes the discretionary 30-day extension authorized by Article V, Section 11(c) of the Florida Constitution.

The Commissioner's expeditious handling of this matter is most appreciated. If I may be of assistance to you or the members of the Commission, please call me at (850) 717-9310.

Sincerely,

Peter Antonacci  
General Counsel

PA/dml  
cc: Hon. Andrew D. Owens, Jr.  
Chief Judge