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Ms. Christa Elizabeth Calamas
Chair – Judicial Nominating Commission
First District Court of Appeal
402 South Monroe St, Ste. 214
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-6526

Dear Ms. Calamas:

Governor Scott has directed me to request 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 resignation of Judge R.V. Swanson. 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 **Tuesday, April 5, 2016**. The deadline is final as it includes the discretionary 30-day extension authorized by Article V, Section 11(c) of the Florida Constitution.

Administrative support for the Commission will be provided by the Governor's Office. Sec. 43.291(7), Fla. Stat. (2015). This includes all essential administrative needs such as document distribution, public announcements and the like. JNC Coordinator Laura Dane (850-717-9313; Laura.Dane@eog.myflorida.com) will contact you to these ends.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy M. Cerio".

Timothy M. Cerio
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable L. Clayton Roberts
Chief Judge