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Mr. Phillip Hutchinson
Chair-Fifteenth Circuit
Judicial Nominating Commission
777 S. Flagler Dr., Ste. 300 East
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Dear Mr. Hutchinson:

Congratulations on your election as Chair of the Fifteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission. To join you in the work of the Commission, Governor Scott has made the following three appointments today to the Fifteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission vacancies: F. Malcolm Cunningham, Jr., West Palm Beach, William N. Shepherd, Palm Beach Gardens, and Jeffrey Kuntz, Fort Lauderdale.

Now, Governor Scott has directed me to request that you convene the Fifteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for consideration and appointment to the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court. These appointments are to fill the vacancies created by the resignation of Judge Ronald Alvarez and the appointment of Judge Robin L. Rosenberg to the federal bench. 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, October 28, 2014**. 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. (2012). This includes all essential administrative needs such as document distribution, public announcements and the like. JNC Coordinator Laura Bax (850-717-9313; Laura.Bax@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,

Peter Antonacci
General Counsel