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Mr. Chip Bachara
Chair-Fourth Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission
1 Independent Drive, Suite 1800
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Dear Mr. Bachara:

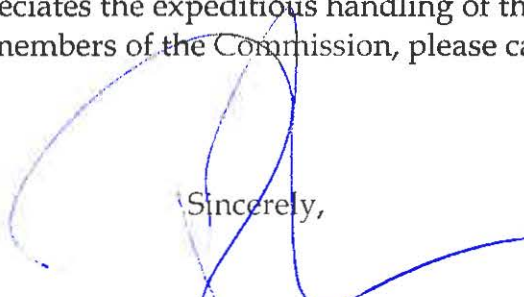
Governor Scott has directed me to request that you convene the Fourth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for consideration and appointment to the Fourth Judicial Circuit Court. These appointments are to fill the vacancies created by the death of Judge Jean Johnson and the resignation of Judge Brian J. Davis due to his appointment 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 **Monday, March 3, 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.

Governor Scott appreciates the expeditious handling of this matter. 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

cc: Hon. Donald R. Moran, Jr.
Chief Judge