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Mr. C. Howard Hunter
Chair-Judicial Nominating Commission
Thirteenth Circuit
101 East Kennedy Blvd., Ste. 3700
Tampa, Florida 33602

Dear Mr. Hunter:

Governor Scott has directed me to request that you convene the Thirteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Hillsborough County Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by Judge Kim Hernandez Vance's recent appointment to the Circuit Court. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (six) for this vacancy.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Monday, December 28, 2015**. 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. (2014). 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 Commission'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 blue ink signature of Timothy M. Cerio.

Timothy M. Cerio
General Counsel

cc: The Honorable Ronald Ficarrotta
Chief Judge