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Mr. Joseph A. Zarzaur, Jr.  
Chair-First Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission  
P.O. Box 12305  
Pensacola, Florida 32591

Dear Mr. Zarzaur:

Governor Scott has directed me to request that you convene the First 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 Escambia County Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Thomas E. Johnson. 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 10, 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. Terry Terrell  
Chief Judge