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Mr. Benjamin W. Hardin  
Chair- Tenth Circuit  
Judicial Nominating Commission  
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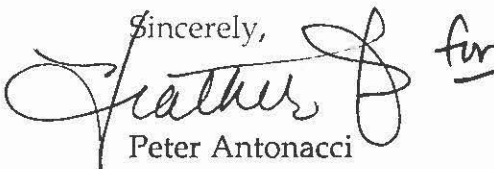
Dear Mr. Hardin:

Governor Scott has directed me to request that you convene the Tenth 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 Polk County Court. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the appointment of Judge Reinaldo J. Ojeda to the Circuit Court. 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 **Friday, March 14, 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

cc: Hon. Wm. Bruce Smith-  
Chief Judge