FLORIDA FEDERAL JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION NOTICE RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR TWO U.S. DISTRICT JUDGES, MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA AND ONE U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Pursuant to the instructions set forth in the attached letter from Senator Bill Nelson and Senator Marco Rubio, dated June 10, 2015, the Florida Federal Judicial Nominating Commission is now accepting applications for the following positions:

- U.S. District Judge, Middle District of Florida (two vacancies)
- U.S. District Judge, Northern District of Florida (one vacancy)

The Rules of Procedure for the Judicial Nominating Commission, dated May 18, 2015, application forms for 2015-2017 with incorporated instructions, and the names and addresses of the members of the 2015-2017 Commission, dated May 18, 2015 are available at the following websites: 1) The Florida Bar (www.floridabar.org), 2) U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida (www.flnd.uscourts.gov), 3) U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida (www.flmd.uscourts.gov), and 4) U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida (www.flsd.uscourts.gov). In addition, these materials may also be obtained from the Commission's Statewide Chair, John M. Fitzgibbons, The Law Offices of John M. Fitzgibbons, 707 North Franklin Street, Suite 700, Tampa, Florida 33602, Telephone: (813) 221-8800.

Completed applications must be received by the Commission's Statewide Chair and each Commission member in the manner specified by the Rules of Procedure by 5:00 p.m., Monday, August 3, 2015. The original, signed application must be provided to the Statewide Chair by the application deadline date and all Commission members are to be served electronically at their email addresses. There is a strict 40-page limit for the application and all enclosures. The application must be submitted in pdf format.

Applicants for U.S. District Judge, Middle District of Florida, who are selected by the Commission for personal interviews will be interviewed on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at the Ceremonial Courtroom 3A, George C. Young U.S. Courthouse, 401 West Central Boulevard, Orlando, Florida.

Applicants for U.S. District Judge, Northern District of Florida, who are selected by the Commission for personal interviews will be interviewed on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at the U.S. Courthouse Annex, 3rd Floor Jury Assembly Room, 111 North Adams Street, Tallahassee, Florida.

The names of the applicants who are selected for personal interviews with the Commission, as well as the interview times, will be published on each website by August 14, 2015.

DATED: June 12, 2015

John M. Fitzgibbons
Statewide Chair
Florida Federal Judicial Nominating Commission

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0905

June 10, 2015

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Dear John:

The President of the United States selects nominees to the federal judiciary when there is a vacancy. The selection of U.S. Attorneys and U.S. Marshals is also made by the President, and they serve at the President's pleasure. It is customary for the President to consult with members of the United States Senate from the State in question before nominating individuals to serve in these positions.

The President has requested that Senators recommend potential judicial nominees to fill federal district court vacancies in Florida. He has asked us to provide these names as soon as possible.

At this time, therefore, we ask that the Florida Federal Judicial Nominating Commission ("Commission") undertake its selection process, invite applications and identify finalists for the following positions:

- U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Florida (two vacancies, one vacancy created by the senior status of Judge John E. Steele on June 3, 2015, and one anticipated vacancy created by the upcoming senior status of Judge Anne C. Conway on August 1, 2015).

- U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Florida (one anticipated vacancy created by the upcoming senior status of Judge Richard Smoak on December 31, 2015).

For the two judicial vacancies in the Middle District of Florida, please provide us with the names of four finalists. For the judicial vacancy in the Northern District of Florida, please provide us with the names of three finalists.

For each of these vacancies, we ask that you provide the names of the finalists who are duly selected through the process provided for by the Commission Rules by September 16, 2015. We look forward to receiving your recommendations.

Sincerely,

BILL NELSON

MARCO RUBIO