FLORIDA FEDERAL JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION NOTICE RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Pursuant to the instructions set forth in the attached letter from Senator Bill Nelson and Senator Marco Rubio, dated February 16, 2012, the Florida Federal Judicial Nominating Commission is now accepting applications for the following position:

- U.S. District Judge, Southern District of Florida

This vacancy was created by the Senate's recent confirmation of U.S. District Judge Adalberto Jordan to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

The revised Rules of Procedure for the Judicial Nominating Commission, dated April 11, 2011, application forms with incorporated instructions, and the names and addresses of the members of the Commission, dated February 14, 2012 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, March 26, 2012. Applicants who are selected by the Commission for personal interviews will be interviewed on Friday, April 27, 2012 at the Judge's Conference Room, 14th Floor, Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. U.S. Courthouse, 400 North Miami Avenue, Miami, 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 on or before April 18, 2012.

DATED: February 16, 2012

John M. Fitzgibbons
Statewide Chair
Florida Federal Judicial Nominating Commission

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 16, 2012

John M. Fitzgibbons, Esq.
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Dear John:

The President of the United States selects nominees to the federal judiciary when there is 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 nominees to fill federal district court vacancies. He has asked us to provide these names as soon as possible.

Therefore, at this time we ask that the Florida Federal Judicial Nominating Commission ("Commission") undertake its selection process and identify finalists for the following position:

- U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Florida (one vacancy created by the confirmation of Judge Adalberto Jordan to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals)

For this vacancy, we ask that you provide the names of three finalists who are duly selected through the process provided for by the Commission Rules by April 30, 2012. We look forward to receiving your recommendations.

Sincerely,

Bill Nelson

BILL NELSON

MARCO RUBIO