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September 18, 2013

Senator Bill Nelson
716 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Marco Rubio
317 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Florida Federal Judicial Nominating Commission
U.S. District Judge, Southern District of Florida

Dear Senator Nelson and Senator Rubio:

Please be advised that the Southern District Conference of the Florida Federal Judicial Nominating Commission met in Miami on September 17, 2013 to interview applicants for the position of U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Pursuant to Rule 27 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, I hereby certify the names of the four finalists for the position of U.S. District Judge: Beth Bloom, Darrin P. Gayles, Peter R. Lopez and John W. Thornton, Jr.

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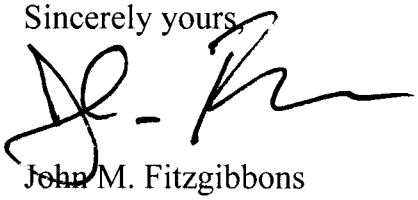
The Commission has now submitted to you the names of the finalists for the five vacancies which you asked us to consider, namely four U.S. District Judges for the Middle and Southern Districts of Florida and U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Florida. Accordingly, the current work of the Commission is now complete.

Sincerely yours,



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

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter dated September 18, 2013 from the undersigned to Senator Bill Nelson and Senator Marco Rubio which certifies the names of the finalists for the position of U.S. District Judge, Southern District of Florida.

DATED: September 18, 2013

John M. Fitzgibbons
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