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**FLORIDA SUPREME COURT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION SEEKS A DIVERSE,
QUALIFIED CANDIDATE POOL**

Today, the Florida Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) announced that it had been convened by Gov. Charlie Crist for the purpose of recommending qualified candidates to the Governor to fill the at-large vacancy created by the retirement of Justice Harry Lee Anstead. In his letter to the JNC, Governor Crist emphasized his belief that "our state's judges should reflect the racial, gender and geographic diversity of the people that they serve."

In response, the JNC encourages and calls for a broad and well-qualified pool of applicants.

"Florida's demographic, geographic and cultural diversity presents unique challenges and issues impacting our large population," JNC Chairman Robert Hackleman said. "It is important that our state's Supreme Court reflects that diversity."

We greatly hope to have the opportunity to nominate qualified candidates from a broad and diverse group of applicants.

Applications can be found on The Florida Bar Web site. The deadline for receipt of the applications is 5 p.m. on Nov. 7, 2008. One original and 10 copies of the application must be submitted. Please also submit a copy of the application on a CD and a copy of the redacted version on a separate CD. Redactions to include: if you are entitled to public requests exemptions see Chapter 119.071.

Mail everything to: Robert S. Hackleman, Esq., Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart, P.A., 450 E. Las Olas Blvd., Suite 1400, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.

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