#### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. SC16-783

GREGG LERMAN and THOMAS R. BAKER,

Petitioners,

V.

RICK SCOTT, as Governor of the State of Florida; and KEN DETZNER, as Secretary of State of the State of Florida,

Respondents.

# APPENDIX TO GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT'S RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF QUO WARRANTO

- 1. Commission Judge Laura Sellers Johnson
- 2. Correspondence from Governor Scott to Judge Laura Johnson (April 22, 2016)
- 3. Correspondence from William N. Spicola to Fifteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission (April 22, 2016)

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing has been furnished this 23rd day of May, 2016, through the e-filing Portal to:

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In the Name and by the Authority of the

# STATE OF FLORIDA

I, Rick Scott, Governor of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, do hereby commission

### Laura Sellers Johnson

who was duly elected on the Fourth day of November, A.D., 2014, to be

### Judge of the County Court, Palm Beach County, Group Eleven

for a term beginning on the Sixth day of January, A.D., 2015, until the Fourth day of January, A.D., 2021, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State and in the Name of the People of the State of Florida to have, hold and exercise the said office, and all the powers and responsibilities appertaining thereto, and to receive the privileges and emoluments thereof in accordance with the law.



Ven Detrong Secretary of State In Testimony Whereof, I do hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this the Nineteenth day of November, A.D., 2014, and of the Independence of the United States the Two Hundred and Thirty-Ninth year.

ATTEST:

Governor of Florida



### RICK SCOTT GOVERNOR

April 22, 2016

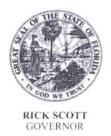
The Honorable Laura Johnson Palm Beach County Courthouse 205 North Dixie Highway West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

Dear Judge Johnson:

Allow me this opportunity to accept your resignation as Judge of the Palm Beach County Court, effective January 3, 2017. On behalf of the State of Florida, thank you for your dedicated service. I wish you much happiness and every success in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Rick Scott Governor



STATE OF FLORIDA

## Office of the Governor

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April 22, 2016

Mr. Gregor J. Schwinghammer, Jr. Chair – Fifteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission 777 South Flagler Dr. Ste. 500 East West Palm Beach, Florida 33401-6161

Dear Mr. Schwinghammer:

Governor Scott has directed me to request that you convene the Fifteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to the Governor the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court and the Palm Beach County Court. These appointments are to fill the vacancies created by the resignations of Circuit Judge John L. Phillips and County Judge Laura S. Johnson. The Governor strongly prefers submission of the maximum number of nominees (six) for this vacancy.

The Commission's deadline for completion of this undertaking is **Tuesday**, **June 21**, **2016.** 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, pursuant to section 43.291(7), Florida Statutes. This includes all essential administrative needs such as document distribution, public announcements and the like. JNC Coordinator Laura Dane (850-717-9313; <a href="Laura.Dane@eog.myflorida.com">Laura.Dane@eog.myflorida.com</a>) will contact you to these ends.

The Commission'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.

William N. Spicola

General Counsel

cc:

The Honorable Jeffrey Colbath Chief Judge