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The Honorable Jeb Bush
Governor of Florida
The Capitol, PL-05
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Dear Governor Bush:

The Judicial Nominating Commission for the Seventh Judicial Circuit recently forwarded the name of Margaret W. Hudson for your consideration for appointment to a Circuit Judgeship position.

After graduating Cum Laude from Wake Forest University in 1982, Ms. Hudson attended the University of Florida College of Law where she graduated in 1985 with Honors in the top 20% of her class. Since June 1985 she has primarily been in private practice, except for a five-year stint with the Office of the United States Trustee, concentrating on commercial litigation, bankruptcy and foreclosure.

Ms. Hudson has consulted with the Volusia County Sheriff's Office legal advisor regarding civil process and bankruptcy issues and was very knowledgeable, responsive and professional in those matters. Additionally, she is an adjunct instructor with the Daytona Beach Community College paralegal program on bankruptcy law and is in demand as a seminar speaker on bankruptcy and foreclosure issues.

During my nearly 35 years in law enforcement, I have worked very closely with members of the judiciary and the legal community and I know of their daily challenges. I can say without reservation that Ms. Hudson is exceptionally qualified and has the temperament necessary for this honorable position. She has good judgment, knows the law, the balance of justice and her ethics and morals are above reproach. I am confident that she would have a positive influence on both our county and the legal community.

I urge your strong consideration of Margaret W. Hudson for appointment to the Circuit Judge position. If I can provide additional information or answer any questions you may have, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ben F. Johnson
Sheriff

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