Governor Rick Scott Appoints Two to Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission

7/18/2011 Tallahassee, Fla. – Governor Rick Scott today announced the reappointment of Jason L. Unger and the appointment of Rutledge R. Liles to the Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission.

Unger, 43, of Tallahassee, is a shareholder with Gray Robinson P.A. He is reappointed for a term beginning July 18, 2011, and ending July 1, 2015.

At Gray Robinson since 1998, Unger has represented George W. Bush and Richard Cheney in the 2000 presidential election contest; the Florida House of Representatives in Redistricting; the Republican Party of Florida; and members of the Legislature in election law matters. In 2001, Unger was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush and Congressman Clay Shaw to the Florida Federal Judicial Nominating Commission and served until 2005. Prior to joining Gray Robinson, he served as Special Counsel to the Florida House of Representatives. Unger received his bachelor’s degree from the University of Florida and his law degree from the University of Florida College of Law.

Liles, 69, of Jacksonville, is the president of Liles, Gavin, Costantino, George and Dearing P.A. He succeeds Robert Hackleman and is appointed for a term beginning July 18, 2011, and ending July 1, 2015.

Liles has more than 45 years of experience in business and commercial litigation, professional malpractice, insurance disputes, product liability, personal injury and wrongful death, and intellectual property litigation, state and federal appeals, medical malpractice, construction litigation, premises liability, and contract disputes. He was president-elect of the Florida Bar from 1987 to 1988 and president from 1988 to 1989, following six years as a member of the Board of Governors. He is a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers, the International Society of Barristers and the American Board of Trial Advocacy. A United States Marine Corps veteran, he received his bachelor’s degree from Florida State University and his law degree from the University of Florida.