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Supreme Court of Florida
500 South Duval Street
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Re: Petition to Amend Rules 2-11.1 and 4-13.2 of the Rules of the Supreme Court
Relating to Admissions to the Bar
Petitioners: The Orange County Bar Association and Thomas B. Drage, Jr., Esq.
Case No.: SC02-2354

Your Honors:

I am writing you today to express my support for the Orange County Bar Association's petition for rule change, Case Number SC02-2354.

I have been a member of the Florida Bar for 24 years, having been admitted in 1979, and my bar number is 274062.

As a practicing member of the Bar, the situation concerning law school graduates of Barry University concerns me. It would appear that the intent behind the current rules relating to bar admission are in place to ensure that the graduates taking the bar exam have graduated from a law school that has met certain standards. My understanding of the situation is that while Barry was undergoing the accreditation process, the rules were changed midstream. As a result, individuals graduating from Barry University's School of Law have not been permitted to obtain their results from the Florida Bar examination and practice their chosen profession. Whatever the situation, it certainly seems unfair that the students pay the ultimate price for a delay in obtaining accreditation. As I understand it, the school is now accredited

I urge this Honorable Court to make certain that any Barry University alumni caught up in the apparent conflict over accreditation should be afforded full relief in the form of the release of their bar scores and, where appropriate, admission to the Florida Bar. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory J. Blodig

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2. Also admitted in New York
3. Also admitted in Wisconsin
4. Also admitted in Georgia
5. Also admitted in Texas
6. Also admitted in Minnesota
7. Only admitted in the Province of Quebec