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Supreme Court of Florida
500 South Duval Street
Tallahassee, FL 34399-1927

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 have been a practicing lawyer in the State of Florida since 1994. My Florida Bar Number is 005071, and I am writing to express my support for the above-referenced petition.

I am concerned that the Florida Bar, the Florida Board of Bar Examiners, and this Honorable Court were unable to remedy the situation that befell approximately 109 Barry University Law School students caught in the middle of Barry's accreditation process. Approximately 109 Barry students were denied their Florida Bar examination scores as a result. These students have not been allowed to practice law in Florida--many having to return to school to pursue a second Juris Doctorate. They will then be required to retake the Bar examination.

I would ask that this Honorable Court allow the 109 Barry students caught in the present accreditation dilemma to obtain their examination scores. Further, if passing scores were attained, these individuals should be allowed admission to the Florida Bar.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc E. Schwartz

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2. Also admitted in New York
3. Also admitted in Wisconsin
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