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Supreme Court of Florida  
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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:

This is a letter in full support of the above-referenced petition. I have been a practicing member of the Florida Bar, License No. 337099, since 1982.

I write to express my concern with respect to the current rules relating to Florida Bar admission and the problems being faced by approximately 100+ individuals graduating from Barry University Law School who have been forced to re-enroll in school to earn a second J.D. Degree in order that they may retake the Florida Bar Examination. It seems to me that a student who was permitted to sit for the Bar examination should be allowed to obtain his/her results. It appears from my understanding of the present situation that the rules relating to Barry's provisional accreditation and Bar admission were changed midstream--certainly nothing that the school's alumni had any control over.

Whatever the situation between Barry, the ABA, the Florida Bar, and the Florida Board of Bar Examiners, it seems unfair that the students pay the ultimate price for the accreditation delay. I have been told that the school is now fully accredited, having met all accreditation requirements and standards.

I would urge this Honorable Court to reconsider this situation as it relates to the students who have already graduated from Barry University School of Law and who were permitted to take the Florida Bar examination. These individuals should be allowed to obtain their examination results, and where appropriate, be allowed to practice law in the State of Florida.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth A. Marmor

1. Also admitted in Colorado  
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