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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 letter is written to express my support for the Petitioners' petition proposing amendments to Rules 2-11.1 and 4-13.2 of the Rules of the Supreme Court Relating to Admissions to the Bar.

I am a member of both the Georgia and Florida Bars, having been admitted to practice in 2000. My Florida Bar number is 0298920. As a recent law school student myself, the situation concerning law school graduates of Barry University not being permitted to obtain their results from the Florida Bar examination due to an accreditation snafu concerns me greatly. I understand that some students even had to leave jobs they had already accepted and return to school to obtain a second Juris Doctorate degree. Whatever the situation, it seems very unfair that the students should pay the ultimate price for a delay in the school's ability to obtain accreditation.

I urge this Honorable Court to make certain that any Barry law students caught up in the Barry accreditation conflict be afforded full relief in the form of the release of their Florida Bar scores and, where appropriate, the ability to pursue their goal of becoming licensed to practice law in the State of Florida.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Coyle, Jr.

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2. Also admitted in New York  
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