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Supreme Court of Florida
500 South Duval Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1927

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 & Thomas B. Drage, Jr. Esq.

Case No: SC02-2354

Your Honors:

I am writing as an interested party on the above referenced matter. I request this honorable court amends Rules 2-11.1 and 4-13.2 of the Rules of the Supreme Court Relating to Admissions to the Bar. I am one of the 109 BARRY students forced to re-enroll for a second law degree, after having successfully completed my studies in 2000. I am writing to urge this court to implement a change in the rules, so that no one else in Florida will ever have to live in limbo for almost 10 years.

I am specially concerned about the students at FAMU. I have a person very close to my heart that will like to apply next year. However, she is hesitant, because she has seen the emotional devastation and the frustration I have suffered during the last 8 years. Typically, in most jurisdictions a law career begins once a law student graduates and passes the bar. I believe this honorable court has in the past adjusted the rules in the spirit of inclusion, not to exclude qualify candidates to practice law. The 12 month rule was created to include law graduates that otherwise were prevented to practice law. Once again this honorable court should change the rule to provide a positive and reasonable outcome and needed change for the future Florida graduates.

I urge this court to once again revamp the law to reflect the current ABA accreditation process, which allows for a 3 year window of different opportunities in which a law school is able to obtain provisional accreditation.

Respectfully submitted,

Darylaine Hernandez, J.D.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by U.S. Mail to attorney for petitioners, Matthew D. Staver, Esquire, 210 Palmetto Avenue, Longwood, Florida 32750 on this 10th day of July, 2003.

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