

July 10, 2003

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 to support the OCBA's petition for changes to rule 2-11 and 4-13.2, case number as referenced above.

I write as an interested party as member of the Florida Bar. My bar number is 512753. I also feel compelled to write in support of a change of the rules, as I employ a Barry graduate that has had to re-enroll to earn a second JD to be able to sit, once again for the bar. I say once again because this student already took the bar, without the benefit of ever knowing if after all the effort, she had passed the bar. It is frustrating to see an assistant work so hard to earn the privilege to be an advocate of the people, and not be able to practice as result of existing rules that due to the changes in the ABA accreditation process seem now obsolete.

By changing the rule from 12 month to 36 months with any other changes as this honorable court might see fit, the future law schools that will undergo the ABA accreditation process will have a better chance to assure that their graduates are allowed the opportunity to sit for the bar, get their results and practice law.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH E. BOATWRIGHT

#### 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, Mathew D. Staver, Esquire, 210 Palmetto Avenue, Longwood, Florida 32750 on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2003.

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