## July 14, 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; <u>Petitioners</u>: The Orange County Bar Association and Thomas B. Drage, Jr., Esq.; Case No: SC02-2354

## Dear Your Honors:

The purpose of this letter is to express my support for the above-referenced 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 have been a member of the Florida Bar since 1991, and my license number is 901296.

I support the petition because: (a.) the County Attorney's Office employs Barry University School of Law ("Barry") alumni as Law Clerks and the office employs a Paralegal who is now returning to Barry for a second law degree so she may sit for the July 2004 bar exam, (b.) it should be changed for fairness and equity reasons, and (c.) the 12-month rule is not congruent to the American Bar Association accreditation process which can take up to three years, thereby causing a non-accredited law school student's graduation date to fall outside the 12-month rule.

I respectfully request the current rule be changed to either the First or Second Proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Brehmer Lanosa Assistant County Attorney July 14, 2003 The Supreme Court of Florida Page 2 of 2

## **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 14th day of July, 2003.

Linda Brehmer Lanosa