

July 14, 2003

Supreme Court of Florida
500 South Duval Street
Tallahassee, FL 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 and Thomas B. Drage, Jr., Esq.
Case No.: SC02-2354

Subj. Orange County Bar Association Support for Petition

Dear Your Honors:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Orange County Bar Association (the "OCBA"). The purpose of this letter is to express the OCBA's 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 1985, and my bar number is 0513164.

The reasons underlying the OCBA's support for the petition are more particularly set forth in those briefs filed on our behalf in that petition pending in the Supreme Court styled Orange County Bar Association and Thomas B. Drage, Jr., et al., In the Supreme Court of Florida, Case No. SC02-2354. In particular and without exception, we believe that the rule change set forth in the petition is required by fairness and equity in that the twelve (12) month rule is not congruent to the American Bar Association accreditation process, which can take up to three (3) years.

Supreme Court of Florida
In re: Case No. SC02-2354
July 17, 2003
Page 2

On behalf of the OCBA, we respectfully request the current rule be changed as provided in the petition. We respectfully request that the court to take action and change the rules at issue.

Sincerely,

Paul L. SanGiovanni,
President, Orange County Bar Association

PLS/em

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by first class United States Mail and addressed as follows to the attorney for petitioners on this ____ day of July, 2003:

Mathew D. Staver, Attorney at Law
210 Palmetto Avenue
Longwood, FL 32750

Paul L. SanGiovanni