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500 South Duval Street  
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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 Admission to the Bar  
Petitioners: The Orange County Bar Association and Thomas B. Drage Jr., Esq.  
Case No: SC02-2354

Your Honors:

The purpose of this letter is to state my support for the petition proposing amendments to Rules 2-11.1 and 4-13.2 of the Rules of the Supreme Court Relating to Admission to the Bar.

I am a citizen of the State of Florida, and served the law enforcement community for fifteen years. Moreover, I watched the self-serving nature of the Florida Board of Bar Examiners and the American Bar Association in their dealings with the Barry University School of law. I know a graduate of the Barry Law School and observed him as he progressed through the school. He graduated and had a career plan in place. However, a series of battles between the school and the bar associations erupted. He has already graduated once and taken the bar. However, he is still required to complete the same course of study, in some cases with the same professors. However, he still cannot practice law because of some arbitrary and unfair rules.

I understand and appreciate the accreditation process to maintain standards of professionalism. However, when the rules are merely used as a punitive measure toward students who had nothing to do with the political wrangling they are unfair. Unfair may not be legally viable, but it is accurate. In all aspects this looks like old lawyers trying to keep out new lawyers to maintain control and derive more profits for themselves.

This behavior is the reason that people view the legal profession with suspicion and distaste. Simply put, the twelve-month rule does not meet the needs of schools involved in the accreditation and appeals process and unnecessarily hampers graduating students.

I ask your Honors to consider the rule change and remove some of the taint from your profession. It is your job to protect the wronged, particularly when persons not residing in our State levy rules against schools serving the interests of Florida.

Respectfully submitted,



Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by the U.S. Mail to attorney for the petitioners, Matthew D. Staver, Esq., 210 Palmetto Avenue, Longwood, Florida 32750 on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2003.

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