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Supreme Court of Florida
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Re: Petition to amend Rules 2-11.1 and 4-13.2 of the Rule 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

Dear Esteemed Justices:

I am a 24 year member of the Florida Bar, license number 281581 and am writing to express my support for the above-referenced petition.

My interest in this petition lies in the fact that I currently employ a Barry Law School graduate who was prevented from securing his Florida Bar Examination results due to the accreditation situation that befell Barry. I was profoundly disappointed that this Honorable Court, the Florida Bar and the Florida Board of Bar Examiners were unable to fashion a remedy, prior to this time, that would have allowed these alumni/students the opportunity to take the Florida Bar Examination with the real prospect of becoming licensed to practice law.

Surely the harm against which the 12-month rule was designed to protect was not protected by keeping Barry's first three graduating classes from practicing law.

Further, I understand that Florida has recently gained two new law schools, FAMU and FIU. My hope is that this Court will change the 12-month rule to protect the students currently embarking on a legal education at these new institutions. I firmly believe that the students who endeavor to enter this honorable profession should not be summarily excluded because the 12-month rule does not comport with the ABA accreditation process.

I respectfully request that this Court adopt and implement one of the proposals submitted by petitioners so that the 12-month rule is changed to reflect the current ABA accreditation process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine W. Real
Attorney at Law

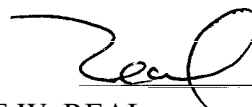
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 9th day of July, 2003

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Real', written over a horizontal line.

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