

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

_____ Petitioners: The Orange County Bar Association & Thomas B. Drage, Jr., Esq.
Case No: SC02-2354

Your Honors:

My name is A. Craig Cameron and I have been a member of the Florida Bar for 30 years (license number 0160969) and an employer of two Barry University School of Law graduates both of whom are practicing attorneys and highly competent. I am writing you today to express my support for the above-referenced petition.

The apparent intent of the current rules relating to bar admission is to ensure that the graduates taking the bar exam have graduated from a law school which has met certain standards. While I agree it is important to ensure a high level of education, the rule has not changed to reflect the changes in the ABA accreditation process, and as a result has had a detrimental effect upon numerous graduates who cannot practice law. In 1999 the ABA began changing its accreditation process. Florida's rules relating to the definition of "accredited" and "educationally qualified" have not been substantially changed since the early 1970's. As a result, Barry's first three graduating classes were denied bar licenses because Florida's rules still follow the accreditation process under the prior ABA accreditation process.

In view of the foregoing I encourage this court to adopt either of the two proposed rule changes set forth in SC02-2354, thus allowing the graduates from Barry University School of Law f/k/a University of Orlando School of Law the opportunity to practice law.

Very truly yours,

A. Craig Cameron

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.

A. Craig Cameron