

July 8, 2003

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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 Supreme Court
Relating to Admissions to the Bar**

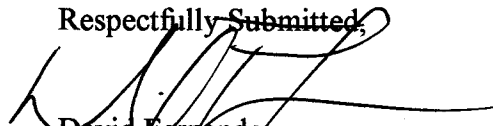
Petitioners: The Orange County Bar Asso. & Thomas B. Drage, Jr., Esq.
Case No.: SC02-2354

Your Honors:

I am a current alumni/student of the now one-year provisionally accredited law school that is known as Barry University School of Law based out of Orlando, Florida. I am one of the returning alumni/students that was impacted by Rule 2-11.1 and this Honorable Court's decision to uphold such Rule based in part on a position statement drafted by Thomas A. Pobjecky, Esq. on behalf of the Florida Board of Bar Examiners on April 19, 2002.

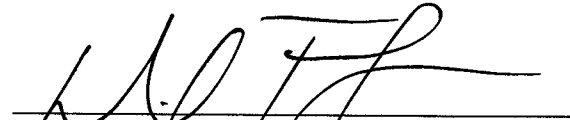
I am writing this letter in support of the above-referenced Petition. I would submit to this Court that the proposed amended Rule 4-13.2 is a reasonable and sound accommodation in light of the circumstances we returning Barry alumni/students have encountered but more importantly for those students currently enrolled and soon to be future graduates of FAMU and FIU law schools. Having read the opinion of this Court in Florida Board of Bar Examiners v. Barry University School of Law, Case No.: SC02-740, the Court used words such as "fairness", "justice", and "equity" when opining in this matter. Is it fair, just and equitable that approximately 109 former Barry Law School graduates have had to go back to law school again; take the same classes with the same professors who are teaching a substantially similar, if not the same, curriculum? Is my quality of legal education substantially different now than it was back in Spring of 2000 when I first graduated from an unaccredited law school? It is hard for those of us who have been impacted by this Court's prior decision (*See* Case No.: SC02-740) to speak objectively and communicate to this Court void of any emotion, but I would ask this Honorable Court to do the right thing in this matter. I respectfully request this Court utilize its wisdom in coming to a fair, just and equitable decision in this current matter.

Respectfully Submitted,


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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, Mathew D. Staver, Esquire, 210 Palmetto Avenue, Longwood, Florida 32750 on this 9th day of July, 2003.



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