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Supreme Court of Florida 500 South Duval Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1927

Re: Petition to Amend Rule 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., Esquire

Case No.: SC02-2354

## Your Honors:

My name is David A. Vukelja, I am writing you today to express my support for Case Number SC02-2354. As a practicing member of the Bar, I was pained to learn that 109 of the pioneers of Barry University School of Law had to return to law school for two years to enable them to sit for and receive their results from the Florida Bar Exam.

While I understand the Court's prior decisions regarding a 12 month rule for educational qualifications under the old ABA standards for Approval of Law Schools, the rule in my opinion does not follow the new ABA standards for Approval of Law Schools. Under the new standards a school that receives a negative recommendation from the ABA Council to the Section of Legal Education can have its application tied in appeals for three years, potentially eliminating two years of graduates from ever taking the Florida Bar Exam. The current Petition before this Court would create a time frame for students at Florida law schools, caught in a situation similar to the Barry graduates, time to allow their respective schools to pursue the appeals process created by the ABA. I strongly urge this Court

Orange County Bar Association and Thomas Drage, et al., to allow the graduates of Barry University School of Law and the law students at other in-state law schools the opportunity to enter this no\* profession and work for the citizens of Florida.

Sincerely.

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**Certificate of Service** 

I hereby certify that a true and co ect copy of the foregoing has been furnished by U.S. Mail to attorney for the etiti ners, Mathew . Staver,

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