

July 7, 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

Dear Justices:

Please accept this letter in support for the above named Petition to Amend Rules 2-11.1 and 4-13.2 of the Rules of the Supreme Court Relating to Admissions to the Bar. Being aware of the plight suffered several of the earliest graduates of the Barry University School of Law (hereinafter referred to as "Barry"), I find it tragic that they are denied access to the Florida Bar examination, and thereby possible admission to the Florida Bar, and are forced to repeat law school simply because Barry did not satisfy the rigid requirements of the ABA's rules for provisional accreditation in a timely fashion.

The petition before this Honorable Court would create a time frame sufficient to allow a Florida law school to navigate the ABA's intricate, and potentially lengthy, accreditation process thereby providing greater assurance their inaugural students who are, or will be, similarly situated to those earliest graduates of Barry will not similarly suffer. I therefore strongly urge this Honorable Court to adopt either of the rule changes set forth by petitioners.

Additionally, I urge this Honorable Court to grant Barry's earliest graduates relief in the form of the release of the results of their attempts at the bar examination and, where appropriate, admission to the Florida Bar.

Thank you for your considerations.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Dean Hewitt.

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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of July, 2003.

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