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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 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 writing to support the OCBA's petition for rule change, Case Number SC02-2354.

While I do not profess to grasp the history of Rules 2-11.1 and 4-13.2, I feel capable to comment on the pending petition due to the fact that my son, James Daniel Botkins, graduated Barry University School of Law in year 2000.

He re-enrolled at the law school and he will be earning his second Juris Doctorate spring 2004. 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 my son the opportunity to take the Florida Bar Examination with the real prospect of becoming licensed to practice law.

It's my understanding that while Barry was undergoing the accreditation process, the ABA changed its procedures in 1999, so that the House of Delegates can only remand the accreditation decision back to the Council of the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar. In other words, the House of Delegates is no longer vested with the power to make the final accreditation decision. This change has resulted in the distinct possibility that a final decision could take as long as three years. As this Honorable Court is well aware, three years is 36 months, not 12 months as currently provided for under the rules.

Barry achieved provisional accreditation approximately 20 months from the date of my son's graduation. Clearly, the 12-month rule does not comport with the current ABA accreditation process.

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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,

George Botkins Jr.  
Interested Party

**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 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2003.

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