

June 28, 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 Admission to the Bar

Petitioners: The Orange County Bar Association & Thomas B. Drage, Jr., Esq.

Case No.: SCo2-2354

Your Honors:

My name is Jeffrey Wingfield, I am one of the 109 Barry University School of Law students that have been denied access to the practice of law in the State of Florida.

While I understand the courts prior decisions regarding the 12 month rule for educational qualifications under the old ABA standards for approval of law schools. However, applying this rule to today's ABA accreditation environment leads to unjust results and negatively effects many lives.

Under the new ABA standards for approval of law schools, if a school receives a negative recommendation from the ABA Council it can have its application tied up in appeals for three years. This can eliminate two years worth of graduates from ever taking the Florida Bar exam.

The current petition before the court would create a fair time frame for students in new Florida law schools. This time frame would allow their schools to utilize the appeals process created by the ABA.

I strongly urge this court to adopt one of the proposed rule changes set forth by the Orange County Bar Association and Thomas Drage, et. al., to allow the graduates from Barry University School of Law and the students at other in-state law schools the opportunity to enter this noble profession and work for the citizens of Florida.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey R. Wingfield

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 27 day of June, 2003.

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