

July 11, 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 Your Honors:

I am a 15 year member of the Florida Bar, license number 0768553, and am writing to express my support for the above-referenced petition.

My interest in the above-referenced petition lies in the fact that I currently employ a Barry Law School graduate who was prevented the opportunity of practicing law in the State of Florida due to the accreditation dilemma that befell Barry. I find it impossible to believe 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 these alumni/students the chance to practice law.

Surely the harm that the 12-month rule was designed to protect against was not protected by keeping Barry's first three graduating classes from taking the bar exam.

Further, I understand that Florida has recently gained two new law schools, FAMU and FIU. My hope is that this Court will change the 12-month rule to protect the students currently embarking on a legal education at these new institutions. Students who endeavor to enter this honorable profession should not be summarily excluded because the 12-month rule does not comport with the ABA accreditation process.

I 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,

Kevin P. Markey

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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

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