

July 14, 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

Your Honors:

I was admitted to the Florida Bar in 2002, license number 0574309 and am writing to express my support for the above-referenced petition.

I feel very strongly about supporting this petition in that I am a recent graduate of Barry University School of Law (June 2002). I took the Florida Bar Exam in July/August 2002 and learned of my passing score in September 2002. While going to law school in the evening and working full-time was an extreme sacrifice for me and my family, the hard work and dedication paid off and I am now enjoying my first year as a practicing attorney in Orlando.

I am saddened by the fact that many of my colleagues, that sacrificed and struggled to meet the rigorous demands of law school, fell victim to the "12-month rule." These colleagues received an excellent education, met the scholastic requirements necessary to obtain a J.D. degree and had the intelligence and stamina necessary to reach their goal of becoming practicing attorneys. Unfortunately, the 12-month rule has become an insurmountable obstacle to allowing these deserving law school graduates a chance to realize their dreams.

With the 12-month rule in affect, many prospective law students would never apply to law school until such time that accreditation was achieved. This way of thinking appears to be antiquated. With two "new" law schools opening in Florida, it will be important to move away from the inequity of such a rule.

I strongly urge this court to adopt either of the two proposed rule changes set forth by the Orange County Bar Association and Thomas Drage, et. as set forth in the above-referenced petition. Thank you for your attention to this extremely important matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark A. Cederberg

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 14th day of July, 2003.

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