

July 15, 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 write this letter in support of the Petition to amend Rule 2-11.1. and Rule 4-13.2, relating to admissions to the Bar. I write as an interested party inasmuch as I have employed a Barry graduate who has been with our firm since 1988. This law student attended the University of Orlando (now Barry University) since it initially opened in 1995. It is truly a travesty that she has yet to practice law as a member of the Florida Bar. She has been forced to re-enroll in law school and repeat some of the same courses and indeed with some of the same professors. This does not guarantee that she will be a better attorney, only an exhausted one.

The purpose of the Rule seems no longer valid due to the changes in the ABA accreditation process. In Orlando we recently opened a new law school, FAMU, whose students may suffer the same fate if a change in the Rules is not implemented. The twelve month rule is no longer appropriate, given the current status of the accreditation process. I urge you to change this Rule to allow future Florida graduates the opportunity to sit for the Bar and become practicing attorneys in the State of Florida.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 10th day of July, 2003.

MARY ANN MORGAN