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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 and Thomas B. Drage, Jr., Esq.
Case No. SC02-2354

Dear Your Honors:

I am a 27 year member of the Florida Bar, license number 0211982, and am writing to express my strong support for the above-referenced petition.

I have followed the ABA accreditation process as it pertained to the efforts of the Barry University School of Law to gain accreditation pursuant to such ABA procedures. My interest stems principally from my contact with and support of law students at Barry University who have committed themselves to a course of study with that school in hopes of ultimately receiving full authority from this Honorable Court to become licensed for the practice of law in the state of Florida. My interest also is based upon the principles of due process, equity, and fundamental fairness which this Court routinely protects and upholds during the course of its deliberations and rulings on cases brought to its attention.

The briefs and other information provided to the Court in support of Barry University's efforts to achieve ABA accreditation explain the factual and legal basis behind those efforts in a much better fashion than I could writing in support. Consequently, I wish to only urge this Honorable Court to carefully review and consider those arguments and positions in favor of Barry University School of Law in this regard. I urge and request the Court to make certain that

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those law students and alumni from that school who are subject to this conflict in the Court's rules be afforded full relief in the form of the release the bar scores for students having previously sat for the Florida Bar Admissions exam and, where appropriate, in the form of full admission to the Florida Bar.

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Thank you very much for your consideration of this request.

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, Mathew D. Staver, Esq., 210 Palmetto Avenue, Longwood, Florida 32750 on this 7th day of July, 2003.

Attorney