

July 7, 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 Justices:

Please consider this letter my whole hearted endorsement for the Petitioners' proposed amendments to Rules 2-11.1 and 4-13.2 of the Rules of the Supreme Court Relating to Admissions to the Bar. Being aware of the plight of several Barry University Graduates here in Bartow, I find it tragic that they should be forced to repeat law school simply because the school they attended could not satisfy all of the rigid requirements of the American Bar Association's rules on accreditation in a timely fashion. The petition before the Court would create a time frame for students at Florida law schools, who are similarly situated to Barry graduates, sufficient time to allow their respective schools to navigate the lengthy process of accreditation with less risk to their respective students.

I strongly urge the Court to adopt the proposed rule changes set forth by the Orange County Bar Association and to allow the graduates of Barry University to enter the ranks of lawyers who serve the citizens of Florida.

Sincerely,

Rita M. Friedman, Esquire
Fla. Bar No. 0104670

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by U.S. Mail to the attorney for the Petitioners, Mathew D. Staver, Esquire, 210 Palmetto Avenue, Longwood, Florida 32750, on this 7th day of July, 2003.

Rita M. Friedman, Esquire