

July 8, 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:

My name is Robert Hidock. I am a one of the Barry graduates that returned to law school so that I can graduate again in order to take a bar exam that I have previously taken and may have already passed. I am submitting this letter in full support of case number SC02-2354 so that no future graduates of any law school in the state of Florida will have to endure the unrelenting hardship that I, as well as my fellow alumni, have agonized over.

While I understand and appreciate the Court's prior decisions regarding the existing 12-month rule for educational qualifications under the antiquated ABA Standards for Approval of Law Schools, the rule, in my opinion, does not follow the current ABA Standards for Approval of Law Schools. Under the new standards, a school that receives a negative recommendation from the ABA Council to the Section of Legal Education can have its application affixed in the appeals process for three years, potentially eliminating two years of graduates from taking the Florida Bar Exam. The current petition before this Court would create a time frame for students at Florida law schools, who are enmeshed in a similar situation as I am, time to allow their respective schools to exhaust the appeals process created by the ABA.

I urge this Honorable Court to act swiftly and surely to conform its rules and to comply with the actuality of the ABA's accreditation process. Further, I encourage this Court to make compulsory that any law students/alumni from Barry University entangled in this conflict be afforded full relief in the form of the release of prior bar scores, and where applicable, admissions to the Florida Bar.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert F. Hidock

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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, Esquire, 210 Palmetto Avenue, Longwood, Florida 32750 on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2003.

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Robert F. Hidock