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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:

This is a letter in full support of the above-referenced petition. I am a sixth year member of the Florida Bar, license number 109436.

My understanding of the ABA accreditation process is somewhat limited, but I do understand that their remand procedures began to evolve over a period of time between 1999 and 2001. Presently, the House of Delegates of the ABA does not have the authority to make the final decision as to whether a law school gains provisional ABA accreditation – the House can only remand back to the Council of the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar for reconsideration. This change resulted in a glaring disconnect between this Court's 12- month rule and the ABA appellate process.

I urge this Honorable Court to conform its rules to comply with the reality of the ABA's accreditation process. Further, I urge this Honorable Court to make certain that any law students/alumni from Barry University affected by this conflict with the rules should be afforded full relief in the form of the release of their Bar scores and, where appropriate, admission to the Florida Bar.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 25 day of , 2003.

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