

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., Esquire.

Case No.: SC02-2354

Dear Your Honors:

My name is Sean Whaley and I am Barry University School of Law graduate, class of June 2000. I am one of the 109 Barry University School of Law graduates barred from practicing in Florida due to the current rules regarding admissions to the Florida Bar. The ABA has changed its accrediting process, since my graduation date. Furthermore, it is my understanding that the ABA's power to make a final accreditation decision takes longer than it once did. The final decision to grant accreditation could take as long as three (3) years. This in turn has effected the first three graduating classes of Barry University School of Law. Due to said changes, I have been barred from the ability to practice law in Florida because my graduation date exceeds the twelve (12) months that the current Rules of the Supreme Court Relating to Admissions to the Bar states.

The proposed rule change seeking to amended the admissions to the bar from twelve (12) months to thirty-six (36) months is needed to ensure that injustice does not occur to other graduates from law schools seeking accreditation because of the ABA change in its accrediting process such as FAMU and FIU. If there is no change to the twelve (12) month rule, then I reasonably believe that FAMU and FIU law school graduates may face the same fate as me. Therefore, I am in favor of amending Rules 2-11.1 and 4-13.2 of the Rules of the Supreme Court Relating to Admission to the Bar.

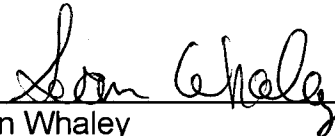
Respectfully yours,


Sean Whaley

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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 8th day of July, 2003.

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