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In reading over the proposed rule it seems as if the legal technician is mostly there to facilitate the process and help the client understand the procedural aspects of what is occurring as well as explain what the various documents are for. Perhaps a better solution, rather than opening a whole new can of worms by creating a quasi-lawyer position, would be to create an instruction manual for the various forms required for family law. If the purpose of each form was clear and there was a recipe on how to proceed with a dissolution there might not be the need for a legal technician. As for the timing aspects of when things get filed and what not, the various local courts could create a spreadsheet sort of form that clearly listed the time lines for when things need to be filed for a hearing or whatever the case may be. This would allow the average Joe the ability to go to court get a packet that would basically lay out the process of how to go about getting a divorce, modifying his child support, changing the parenting plan and whatever else seems to be a fairly major issue in family law. The individuals on the lower end of the economic spectrum who can't afford a real attorney but could afford a legal technician most likely do not have the assets which can make the distribution of assets during a dissolution so complex. They only need the basics and how to go about doing those basics, which a packet written in plain English would provide. Furthermore the Family Court Facilitator provides many of the functions of a legal technician already and the legal technician would only be a redundancy.

I say no to the Legal Technician rule

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