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RE: *Legal Technician Rule (proposed)*

Dear Honorable Justices:

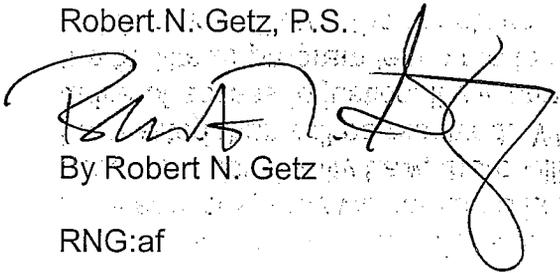
Would that there were more time and energy for all attorneys to provide greater *pro bono publico* contributions to our needing population; sadly, as with all things, time and energy are limited. No matter what is done to make the purported "technicians" competent to provide legal services, they will remain a hollow substitute for an attorney. As the "mandatory forms" have done for Family Law, there will be a level of mediocrity. Potentially, more problems will be created than will be resolved. While this may be a balm for the conscience, applied in the guise of access to justice, it will prove merely an illusion of adequacy. My experience with the facilitator program leads me to conclude that this undertaking will present similar results which range all over the spectrum from marginal to unfortunate.

Ultimately, there is no substitute for an attorney and hopefully an experienced one. Too often now I encounter problems with the work product of paralegals. The same population who seeks them out will receive a similar work product, but sadly a sanctioned work product bearing your imprimatur.

Hopefully, you will reconsider this undertaking. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this submission.

Sincerely,

Robert N. Getz, P.S.



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