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It seems that when the Washington "legal market" is already flooded with licensed professionals, the last thing we need to do is de-professionalize the practice of law. Why not propose allowing non-engineering degree holders to take the Patent bar (yes, I know that is a federal issue)? Seems like if a person could pass the bar, he/she ought to be able to prosecute patents, right? By that logic, if you want to open up the practice of law, why not open it up to admitted attorneys first? Seems de-specialization should come before de-professionalization.

WSBA Forwarding Information on Proposed Legal Technician Rule Comment Period

In our continuing effort to keep members informed about matters impacting the practice of law, the Washington State Supreme Court is now requesting comment on a proposed rule creating Legal Technicians. The proposed rule would allow non-lawyers, or Legal Technicians, to provide limited legal or law-related services to clients.

-Ryan McPherson

The Washington State Practice of Board has recommended limiting Legal Technician services to areas within Family Law.

The Court is taking public comment until April 30, 2009.

Members may submit comments by mail or e-mail to:

Clerk of the Supreme Court

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(Note: e-mail comments must be limited to 1,500 words)

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