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Greetings to the Board of Governors,

Thank you for taking comments on this matter. I wanted to join the chorus of WSBA attorneys opposed to the existence of LLLT's. It is a dangerous precedent to create a community of non-lawyers with little oversight, standards of practice or real consequences for their ineffective and incompetent legal assistance – which is demonstrated by their lack of education, admission to the bar or ethical obligations. Just like lawyers, the LLLT's will be assisting individuals at some of the most critical points in their lives. If the LLLT's fail, the bar has failed because we created the platform for the LLLT's to work from. I know the reduction in bar fees was in part caused by the feeling that the WSBA is out of touch with our field. This proposed action does nothing to reduce that feeling.

This does nothing to increase the access to justice or professional services if even one LLLT leads a client astray. There are remedies in place to assist those who receive incompetent services from a lawyer, but who will protect those harmed by a LLLT?

Sincerely,

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