

August 23, 2018

Chief Justice Mary Fairhurst  
Washington State Supreme Court  
415 12<sup>th</sup> Street W.  
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Chief Justice Fairhurst,

I have enclosed a Resolution unanimously adopted by the Practice of Law Board at its August 16, 2018 meeting. The Resolution expresses the Board's strong support for the LLLT license adopted by the Court to protect the public and expand access to legal services and the legal system. The Resolution also expresses the Board's strong support for Court action directing the WSBA Board of Governors to expeditiously comply with the Court's January 4, 2018 order adding an LLLT/LPO member and two community representatives to the Board of Governors. Please share this letter and the enclosed Resolution with all of the Supreme Court Justices.

Very Truly Yours,



Hon. Paul Bastine (ret.)  
Practice of Law Board Chair

Enclosure

cc: William D. Pickett, President, WSBA  
Paula C. Littlewood, Executive Director, WSBA  
Steven Crossland, Chair, LLLT Board  
Governor Dan Bridges, Co-Chair, Addition of New Governors Work Group  
Governor Alec Stephens, Co-Chair, Addition of New Governors Work Group



## **RESOLUTION**

Adopted unanimously by the Practice of Law Board  
August 16, 2018

**WHEREAS** the Washington Supreme Court has stated that the purposes of the Practice of Law Board include “to promote expanded access to affordable and reliable legal and law-related services, expand public confidence in the administration of justice, and make recommendations regarding the circumstances under which nonlawyers may be involved in the delivery of certain types of legal and law-related services”; and

**WHEREAS**, in the course of performing its functions, the Practice of Law Board recommended the development of what is now called the Limited License Legal Technician license in order to expand access to legal services and the legal system through the licensing of people other than lawyers to offer some legal services; and

**WHEREAS** the LLLT license has been developed and is currently being administered by the WSBA and LLLTs currently are providing legal services within the scope of their licenses; and

**WHEREAS** the Board of Governors in September 2016 amended the WSBA Bylaws to add a seat to the BOG specifically for either an LLLT or an LPO member, as well as to add two seats to the BOG for “public” members; and

**WHEREAS** the Washington Supreme Court entered an order on January 4, 2018, directing the BOG to add the additional seats to the BOG as described in the WSBA Bylaws; and

**WHEREAS** the Practice of Law Board believes that adding these seats to the BOG would be beneficial to expanding access to affordable and reliable legal and law-related services and would expand public confidence in the administration of justice;

The Practice of Law Board hereby **RESOLVES**

- 1) That it strongly supports the administration of the LLLT license in a manner that allows for the robust development of this type of legal services provider; and
- 2) That it strongly supports LLLTs in their provision of legal services to the public in order to expand access to legal services and the legal system; and

- 3) That it strongly supports the lifting by the BOG of any BOG "stay" on filling the three new seats; and
- 4) That it strongly supports the Supreme Court taking action to direct the BOG to expeditiously comply with the Court's January 4, 2018 order as issued.