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Dear Ms./Sir:

I write to you regarding the LLLT program and recently proposed enhancements. As an attorney working a monthly clinic for kinship caregivers, I have worked closely with our resident LLLT, Jennifer Petersen, and I have heard and seen what she has been able to accomplish, not only in our clinic but in other areas.

I lend my support to LLLTs being able to draft retirement provisions in final dissolution documents, save the actual preparation of a QDRO. Frankly, I don't know any attorney doing a QDRO in-house anymore, and there are reasons for that. Allowing the LLLT to designate proportions of benefits in a decree make sense to me, and would be a great benefit. Otherwise, would that portion of the paperwork be farmed out to an attorney? Why?

As to appearing in court, I agree that LLLTs should not be arguing cases in the place of a client, but to appear in court as an advocate or support is not only reasonable but assures access to justice for these folks in a palpable, understandable way. DV advocates are able to appear in court, why not LLLTs? In addition, if the Court has basic factual questions about the documents, the LLLT is there to answer them.

In my experience, many middle-income folks are not served by pro bono or low bono programs, and fall through the cracks. The demand for self-help or moderately priced legal help is great and largely unaddressed. It has been my honor and privilege to help develop programs in my community to address some of these needs, and those clinics are wildly successful.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like further information.

Thank you,  
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