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The Honorable Charles W. Johnson  
Washington State Supreme Court  
Temple of Justice  
P.O. Box 40929  
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**RE: Proposed Rule APR 28, Legal Technicians**

Dear Justice Johnson:

This letter is to express my opposition to the APR 28 proposal from the Practice of Law Board for implementation of a legal technician program. I believe that this rule is ill-conceived and that it will not ameliorate any of the issues associated with access to justice. APR 28 does not provide a viable solution to the concerns raised in the Civil Legal Needs Study nor to issues associated with barriers to access to justice.

In the Family Law arena, the needs of indigent people would be far better served by a revitalization, building up and expanding of the courthouse facilitator program statewide.

I respectfully urge that the court reject this rule and concentrate its efforts on improving our court system within the framework of existing resources and programs.

Sincerely,

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