

May 13, 2016

Dear Justices:

First I want to thank you for opening up the option for the LLLT's. I believe that we can indeed fill a gap that is desperately needed. I am happy to see that rules are being clarified and have two other requests. I do not know who makes the decisions in these areas, so I apologize if I should not be addressing it with you.

The first request I have is that the new family law documents do not identify signature lines for LLLT's. I don't know if this was overlooked or because it is so new. Attorneys have a signature line and I believe we should also be required to sign the documents to avoid any confusion as well as allow us to be informed of our clients cases.

My second request is that we have the ability to file documents online for our clients and to have access to their case online where it is available so that we may effectively represent our clients. I am concerned about the lack of understanding a client may have about what happened at a hearing or a document that was filed and not seeking assistance when needed and feel this would also assist with closing the gap in legal assistance.

Again, I apologize if I am addressing the wrong forum. I have also provided comments to the proposed changes in the LLLT rules below.

APR(F)(8)(8)

While I understand the intent of the Board to make clear which letters should be reviewed by a lawyer, the changes proposed fail to clarify this particular area. We have the authority to draft letters and documents for our client within our scope, maybe the first sentence needs to say exactly that.

In addition, our client may need assistance from a third party such as a financial advisor, counselor, etc. and I believe the best assistance we can provide a client is by explaining their position and the impact other agencies information may have on their case as well as requesting that pertinent information to effectively assist our clients. Not advising the third party, but to streamline and effectively assist our client in situations where they may not understand the importance of the information needed and its purpose.

If something is out of our scope, I would suggest that the rule state that the LLLT will not write letters that include advice to third parties. If it is within scope, we should be permitted to write letters to third parties to effectively assist our client in getting the necessary information to proceed with their case.

I apologize if it seems that I am not any clearer, I recognize the difficulty in drafting clear, concise rules and trust that the information I have provided will help with the revisions.

Regulation 2

I would not include a statement within the form. I would suggest either an attachment or another document that the client signs. This form would outline areas that the LLLT are not authorized to advise on and the acknowledgment by the client that they either chose to seek legal advice from an attorney;

or to instruct the LLLT to complete the document as provided by them. Possibly require this form to be filed in cases that include areas outside the LLLT's scope.

I trust that you will determine the best way to address these clarifications and it will be resolved in the best possible way.

Thank you for taking the time to review my suggestions. I look forward to the outcome.

Best Regards,

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I have attached a letter with my recommendations.

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