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Dear Justice:

I am a freelance paralegal. I received an AA in legal studies with the hopes of becoming a paralegal and ultimately going to law school and becoming an attorney. My only struggle and contention was the cost of law school (how would I pay for it). But then came the LLLT program (which I am currently enrolled), a happy medium. I see it as a cost-effective way to help the indigent and a way to make a living.

General Objection

I feel generally that LLLT's should be able to present themselves to their clients and to the public as independent professional legal representatives with a specialty in a trained field. LLLT shall only practice in the field's they have been trained to practice in. Any areas that LLLT has not been trained in, LLLT shall not give advice in writing or in person. This holds for their clients and for third-party. Also, LLLT must direct their client to an attorney that specializes in practice at issue.

I am against all rules that affect the appearance that an LLLT has the expertise to address issues within their scope of practice. This has both economic impact and social impact that will detrimentally effect a LLLT. And APR 28(F)(8) practically, as it is currently written, is detrimental to LLLT's practice.

Client's do not want subpar legal advice. They want to believe that they are receiving professional and adequately prepared legal documents and advice. Not suspect advice that has not been reviewed by an attorney. The rule as it currently appears has the implication that an LLLT gives subpar direction.

<u>Solution</u>

LLLT should have the latitude and obligation to help any client, indigent or not, in LLLT's area of practice up to courtroom representation.

Sincerely,

Mikail Rashid

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