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I write to respectfully request that the Court reconsider its decision to sunset the LLLT program. I own and manage a 10-attorney firm that employs a single LLLT. Though our sample size is small (only one LLLT), our experience has been decidedly positive. She joined us knowing significantly more about her practice area than do most first year attorneys, she has since received approximately the same number of 5-star Google reviews from clients as the rest of the firm combined (which probably has something to do with previously unmet needs of the clients she serves), and there is no indication she took work from our existing attorneys but rather tapped a different market. Admittedly I am biased, both because I like the idea of the LLLT program and because I like our LLLT. But I have put my money where my mouth is and have been attempting to hire more LLLTs this year. No one has applied, in stark contrast to our advertisements for two attorney-level positions. After speaking with several LLLTs, our firm has come to the conclusion that there are simply too few LLLTs available and the competition for their services is relatively high. Thankfully more graduate soon, but I suspect they will be too few to meet demand. Our firm would greatly appreciate if the program were re-opened.

Sincerely,

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