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Dear Washington Supreme Court:

Please do not sunset the LLLT program. Access to the law should not be limited to the rich. From my days as a family mediator at a community nonprofit organization, I know that many people are unable to afford lawyers to help them resolve family issues. Money should not be the impediment that keeps people from seeking help. For many families, confusion over paperwork issues and legal deadlines or other relatively minor problems can lead to more problems, yet hourly billing costs from lawyers make seeking help prohibitively expensive. Surely the Court is in favor of making the law more accessible to those truly in need of help. Just as Nurse Practitioners reduce the load for doctors, LLLTs reduce the load for lawyers leaving them free to tackle complex issues that utilize their particular knowledge and advanced skills.

If cost and limited use are truly the reasons for ending the program, perhaps the Court needs to publicize it more. This would be a great opportunity to engage undergraduate marketing programs in a competition to see how students would get the word out cost effectively. In keeping with the economic theory of supply and demand, more people using the program would reduce the costs.

Please retain the LLLT program. Thank you for your reconsideration of this matter.

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