

## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PARALEGAL ASSOCIATIONS, INC. RESPONDS TO THE SUNSETTING OF THE WASHINGTON STATE LIMITED LICENSE LEGAL TECHNICIAN PROGRAM**

The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA) believes that paralegals can and should play an integral role in the delivery of cost-effective legal and law-related services. The NFPA has adopted several position statements regarding Non-Lawyer Practice and supports legislation and adoption of court rules permitting non-lawyers to deliver limited legal services.

In early June 2020, NFPA was dismayed to learn that the Washington State Supreme Court had voted to sunset the Limited License Legal Technician (LLLT) program and that a response in time for the appeal was urgent, needing to be submitted by June 16, 2020. A team led by NFPA's Vice President & Director of Positions and Issues Lori Boris, RP®, MnCP and consisting of Region I Director Brenda Cothary (member of the Washington State Paralegal Association), NFPA's American Bar Association Liaison and Pro Bono Coordinator Christine Flynn and Regulation Coordinator Cynthia Bynum, MBA, collaborated and drafted a statement in opposition, and completed it in time to be submitted with the appeal. The LLLT Board has expressed sincere appreciation for NFPA's efforts. We are hopeful that the Washington State Supreme Court will reconsider its decision.

Individuals throughout the United States struggle to afford legal assistance. The LLLT was created to offer affordable options for legal services, particularly in certain practice areas with high demand. As early as 2005, NFPA advocated for the LLLT program. NFPA extends its hand to Washington State to collaborate with lawyers, local and state bar association, legal aid providers and the judiciary to sustain and expand the program. Read [NFPA's Statement to the Supreme Court of Washington State](#) in opposition to Sunsetting of LLLT Program.

Founded in 1974, as the first national paralegal association, NFPA is an issues-driven, policy-oriented professional association directed by its membership, comprising of nearly 50 paralegal associations and representing a range of approximately 8,000 diverse individual members.

Read more about [NFPA's Position Statements](#).

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