

I am a Washington Limited License Legal Technician (LLLT or LT) in practice for almost eight years. In that time, I have served over a hundred clients in my solo practice and under contract with pro bono legal aid providers in Washington. There are backlogs in the court system here and private attorneys cannot serve demand. I carry malpractice insurance and attend continuing legal education - both of which are required for my license. According to an April 2021 Stanford Law School / Center on the Legal Profession White Paper, The Surprising Success of Washington State's Limited License Legal Technician Program, "[T]he LLLT program was demonstrating real success in expanding access to justice in Washington" when our state's Supreme Court sunset the program in 2020, precluding further entrants into the program. *White Paper, Executive Summary*. The report attributes the Court's sunsetting to their concerns about "cost and lack of interest," which the authors found rang "hollow." At the time the Court sunset the program, the National Center on State Courts was in the middle of a full-scale evaluation of the program. Positive case outcomes for clients of LTs are indisputable. The existence of the license has made affordable, competent, professional legal assistance available to a broader swath of the public. The outcry from the Bar (which, anecdotally, does not come from recent law school graduates, who seem to clearly see the injustice in our current system), smacks of turf-ism. The Stanford White Paper asserts that the opposition to the license at the Washington State Bar Association (where Washington's LT program is housed and funded), leading to the sunset, came from "a long-standing, vocal group opposed to the program, thinking it would take away business." *White Paper Executive Summary*. I know of no refutation of the Stanford White Paper. Attorneys and Legal Technicians (we have our own set of RPCs, largely mirroring attorneys) are called in the Preamble to our RPCs to improve access to the legal system, and to faithfully serve the best interests of the public and the efficient administration of justice. A regulated non-attorney practice alongside licensed attorney practitioners, helps to fulfill this sacred obligation.