September 5, 2006

Thomas D. Hall, Clerk The Supreme Court of Florida 500 South Duval Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-1925

Re: Support for Proposed Rule 20, Florida Registered Paralegal Program

Dear Mr. Hall:

I am the Chair of Legal Studies at South University. I teach paralegal classes and advise students. I firmly believe passage of this Rule is a good thing for the paralegal profession. In fact, I think this kind of official recognition for the paralegal profession is long overdue. Passage of this Rule will establish a clear standard for the profession and assist in identifying those individuals who can provide quality legal services to employing attorneys.

Thank you for the opportunity to be heard on this important matter.

Very truly yours,

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cc: John Harkness, Executive Director The Florida Bar