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

RE: Case Number SC06-1622
Petition to Amend the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar

Dear Mr. Hall:

Please be advised that I wholeheartedly support Florida Bar Rule 20, and the establishment of the Florida Registered Paralegal program.

In my experience over the years, the term “paralegal” has become a catch-all term virtually devoid of meaning. Thus the establishment of a benchmark by which to measure legal competence will provide the structure and accountability within the profession that I believe is long overdue.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

R. Jason Richards

cc: John Harkness, Executive Director
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