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Florida Supreme Court
Attention: Clerk of Court
Reference: SC06-1622
500 South Duval Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1927

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am a Certified Legal Assistant, certified since 1985 through the auspices of the National Association of Legal Assistants, Inc. I am also a member of South Florida Paralegal Association, Inc. I am employed by a law firm and provide legal support to an affiliated title company owned by the partners of the law firm.

I agree with the objections of the South Florida Paralegal Association, Inc., as to the pending petition by the Florida Bar to regulate the paralegal association.

I support autonomous governance of the paralegal profession and that the paralegal profession should continue to be overseen by the Supreme Court of the State of Florida. I believe it would be a huge conflict of interest to have the Florida Bar monitoring the professional activities of paralegals.

I believe the needs of the public would be better served if the Supreme Court rejects the petition by the Florida Bar and the Supreme Court continue to oversee the paralegal profession.

Thank you for the opportunity to address this very important issue.

Sincerely,

Barbara R. Willen, CLA
Certified Legal Assistant