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Via Email & Mail to:

Fairbanks Association of Legal Assistants
P.O. Box 74947
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Dear FALA:

The Alaska Association of Paralegals (AAP) has prepared a proposal to create a new bar rule that would establish a voluntary registration program for paralegals in Alaska. In addition, AAP has presented its proposal and draft rule to the Alaska Bar Association and Board of Governors, who requested that we contact your organization regarding our proposal prior to the next Board of Governors meeting in May.

The purpose for this voluntary registration program is to provide standards that would be used to determine an individual's qualifications as a paralegal. Possessing the minimum qualifications, a paralegal is recognized as an individual with a broad base of exposure to, and knowledge of, the legal profession. This background is necessary to assure clients and the legal profession that the paralegal is a qualified, trained professional.

We believe that a voluntary registration program will provide an incentive for Alaska paralegals to meet minimum education and continuing education requirements and benefit Alaska by assuring that professional high standards are maintained by Alaska paralegals. We are hopeful that you will find our proposal to be beneficial to your members and ask for your support! Attached is a copy of the proposed draft rule for your review.

Please provide AAP with any input and/or comments you may have relating to this proposal by contacting Rachael Pope at rpope@perkinscoie.com or myself at dbryant@frozenlaw.com. We would also love for you to provide your support and join us at the next Board of Governors meeting in Fairbanks if you are able to attend!

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Respectfully yours,

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