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Dear Clerk Hivner and Honorable Justices of the Tennessee Supreme Court,

I am writing in response to the Court's request for comments on the regulation of the legal profession and Tennessee's access-to-justice crisis. I strongly support the Tennessee Supreme Court allowing people without law degrees—like legal helpers or community justice workers—to deliver legal services and help with basic civil legal needs.

My school's community needs more access to civil legal help because we don't have the financial means on a teacher's salary to seek an attorney's opinion for legal questions and assistance. Teachers have a lot on their plate and having access to a trained legal advisor at their school would make it so much easier to access help.

I support trained nonlawyers playing a role in addressing civil legal issues because teachers need more access to legal advice than they currently have. Attorneys are costly and teachers can't pay for one every time they have a question on legal matters.

I would want legal helpers to have oversight by an organization or company, and in-person training or training online via a platform like zoom. I think it's important that they train with a live training.

I would want legal helpers to be able to assist with any civil legal matter, including workplace discrimination, harassment, labor rights and protection, content related questions, and document advice.

I encourage the Court to focus on low-barrier solutions that make basic legal help accessible and approachable. Nonlawyers could complete short, practical training focused on specific subjects and could provide assistance through trusted institutions such as nonprofits, libraries, faith groups, and businesses.

The Court should also recognize that certain forms of basic legal assistance are low-risk activities that should fall outside Unauthorized Practice of Law restrictions. Creating clear carveouts for this type of help would expand access without sacrificing consumer protection. Tennesseans already benefit from existing consumer protection laws that safeguard against misconduct.

I'm grateful that the Tennessee Supreme Court is leading this effort to reform and modernize our legal system. Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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