

**Press and Outreach Update: July 2020**

Press

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### Statistics

#### LLLT Statistics:

- Total number of applicants approved to sit for the July exam and granted diploma privilege: 7
- Total number of active LLLTs: 40  
*4 LLLTs are inactive; 1 LLLT is administratively suspended; 1 has voluntary resigned*

### Meetings

#### Recent:

- LLLT Board Meeting on June 8, 2020

#### Upcoming:

- LLLT Board Meeting on August 10, 2020

**Washington State Bar Association  
Budget FY21 and FY20 Comparison**

Budget FY2021 FY2021	Reforecast - BOG Approved	Comparison
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**LLLT-Limited License Legal Technician**

**REVENUE:**

License Fees	8,604.54		8,604.54
Seminar Registrations	1,750.00	4,344.00	(2,594.00)
LLLT Exam Late Fee	900.00		900.00
LLLT License Fees	10,905.00	5,735.66	5,169.34
LLLT Exam Fees	13,500.00	6,280.00	7,220.00
Investigation Fees	300.00	300.00	-
LLLT Late License Fees	412.00	300.00	112.00
LLLT Waiver Fees	300.00	150.00	150.00
Member Late Fees	-	150.00	(150.00)
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>36,671.54</b>	<b>17,259.66</b>	<b>19,411.88</b>

**DIRECT EXPENSES:**

Postage	-	20.00	(20.00)
Staff Travel/Parking	200.00	600.00	(400.00)
LLLT Board	7,000.00	14,000.00	(7,000.00)
LLLT Outreach	1,000.00	4,000.00	(3,000.00)
Exam Writing	-	10,750.00	(10,750.00)
LLLT Education	-	2,500.00	(2,500.00)
Licensing Forms	3.00	2.50	0.50
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES:</b>	<b>8,203.00</b>	<b>31,872.50</b>	<b>(23,669.50)</b>

**INDIRECT EXPENSES:**

Salaries	61,085.65	103,650.00	(42,564.35)
Benefits	22,201.73	40,425.40	(18,223.67)
OTHER INDIRECT EXPENSE	27,838.21	36,759.37	(8,921.15)
<b>TOTAL INDIRECT EXPENSES:</b>	<b>111,125.59</b>	<b>180,834.76</b>	<b>(69,709.17)</b>

**TOTAL ALL EXPENSES:**

**NET INCOME (LOSS):**

FTEs

<b>119,328.59</b>	<b>212,707.26</b>	<b>(93,378.67)</b>
<b>(82,657.05)</b>	<b>(195,447.60)</b>	<b>112,790.55</b>

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Re: Washington Supreme Court Action Today on Decision to Sunset the Limited License Legal Technician (LLLT) license

Dear Mr. Crossland, Mr. Majumdar, and Ms. Nevitt:

I am writing on behalf of the court to advise you that the court today voted by majority to make two modifications to its decision of June 4, 2020, to sunset the Limited License Legal Technician (LLLT) license.

First, the court authorized an immediate reduction in the experience hours required of candidates for LLLT licensure from 3000 hours to 1500 hours. Second, the court voted to allow LLLT candidates until July 31, 2022 to complete the experience hours requirement, so long as they have completed all other licensure requirements, including taking the LLLT examination by July 31, 2021. Only LLLT candidates who can meet all licensure requirements according to these timelines may be licensed. The court, by majority, declined to take any other action on the LLLT Board's request for reconsideration.

As you know, there will now be a process for amending or repealing court rules and regulations governing the admission and regulation of LLLTs in order to effectuate the court's decision. That process will proceed consistent with General Rule 9, with public notice and comment, and our Rules Committee will work with WSBA and the LLLT Board to commence that process in a timely manner.

As stated in my letter of June 5, 2020, current LLLTs in good standing may continue to be licensed and may continue to provide services. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the court's decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra L. Stephens", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Debra L. Stephens, Chief Justice  
Washington State Supreme Court

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## LLLT Program Pipeline Update

Working on Core Education	Enrolled in Practice Area Classes (First Time Students)	Enrolled in Practice Area Classes (Auditing)	Interested in Practice Area Classes	Completed Practice Area Classes (Not Yet Licensed)	Passed Exam (Not Yet Licensed)	Interested in Waiver	Interested but Unable to Access Core Education	TOTAL
170	16	4	35	49	2	8	1	285

### WORKING ON CORE EDUCATION

Based on data collected from phone calls, emails, presentations, and communications with the Washington and Oregon colleges who teach the LLLT core education, there are approximately 170 students currently working on the core education for the LLLT license.

### COMPLETED PRACTICE AREA CLASSES

A total of 53 students have completed the Practice Area Education but have not yet become licensed. 4 of those students are currently repeating (auditing) the Practice Area courses, not for credit, for a reduced fee. In an effort to avoid counting these students more than once, the number in the chart above for this category does not count the students who are currently repeating (auditing) the classes.

In September 2019, WSBA staff developed and distributed a survey to 41 students to gather data on their interest and experience with the program, and any barriers that may be preventing them from obtaining their license. Of the 10 responses received, 40% have already attempted the LLLT exam at least once.

- Applicants who failed exam (and have not passed to date): **16**
- Applicants who completed Practice Area curriculum but never took exam, withdrew from exam, or were denied to sit for the exam: **35**

16 more students completed the Practice Area (Family Law) Classes in December 2019, and are now the sixth cohort to complete the classes. 7 of those students sat for the LLLT exam in February 2020.

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**PASSED EXAM (NOT YET LICENSED)**

2 applicants who passed the Winter 2020 LLLT Exam have submitted licensing materials, and are in the process of becoming licensed.

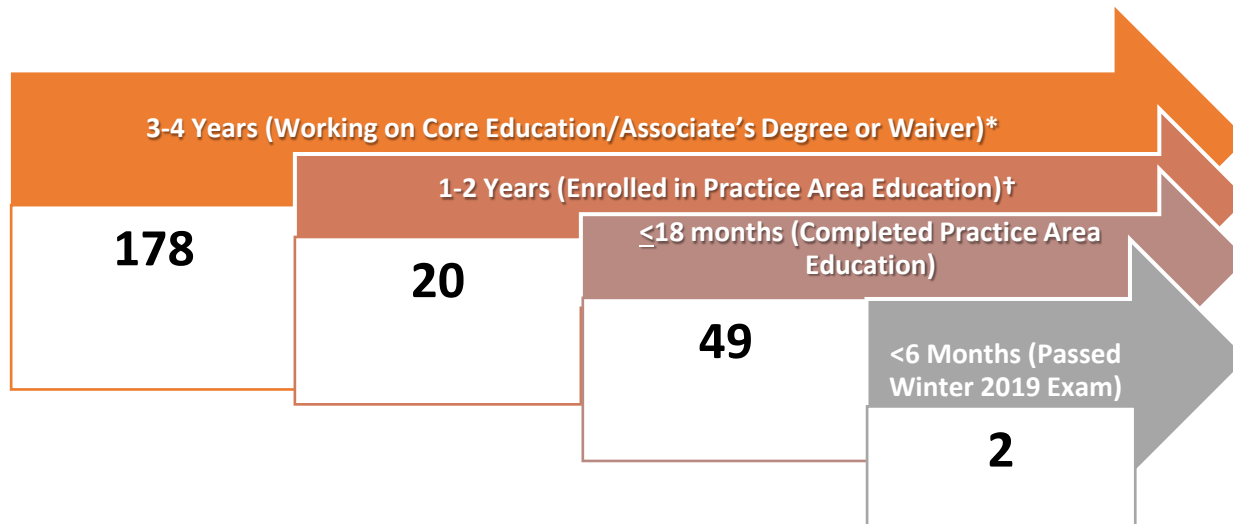
**INTERESTED IN WAIVER**

At least 8 candidates have contacted the WSBA recently with interest in applying for the limited time waiver, but have not yet submitted an application. WSBA has received a total of 44 applications for the limited time waiver since 2013.

**INTERESTED BUT UNABLE TO ACCESS CORE EDUCATION**

Staff are aware of 1 potential candidate for the LLLT license who is unable to access the core education and thus unable to complete the educational requirements at this time.

**LLLT PIPELINE TIMELINE**



\*This number includes 8 candidates that we are aware of who are interested in the waiver, but have not yet applied.

†This number includes 16 first time students as well as 4 students who are repeating/auditing the courses.