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Press and Outreach Update: August 2020

Press

Connecticut Law Tribune, July 13, 2020

https://www.law.com/ctlawtribune/2020/07/13/48425/

ABA Journal Legal Rebels Podcast, July 15, 2020

https://www.abajournal.com/legalrebels/article/legal-reform-advocates-need-to-engage-the-public-littlewood-says

HeraldNet, July 15, 2020

https://www.heraldnet.com/opinion/state-supreme-court-needs-to-resume-legal-aid-program/

Yahoo! Finance, July 15, 2020

https://finance.yahoo.com/news/courts-adapt-coronavirus-crush-133050629.html

Legal Talk Network Podcast, July 27, 2020

https://legaltalknetwork.com/podcasts/legal-talk-today/2020/07/the-end-of-washingtons-Illt-program/

The Seattle Times, August 2, 2020

https://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/editorials/supreme-court-should-reinstate-low-cost-legal-assistance-program/

Statistics

LLLT Statistics:

- Total number of applicants approved to sit for the July exam and granted diploma privilege: 7
 - 1 diploma privilege recipient is now licensed
- Total number of active LLLTs: 43
 4 LLLTs are inactive; 1 LLLT is administratively suspended; 1 has voluntary resigned

Meetings

Recent:

LLLT Board Meeting on July 13, 2020

Upcoming:

LLLT Board Meeting on September 14, 2020



LLLT Program Pipeline Update

Working on	Enrolled in	Enrolled	Applied for	Completed	Eligible for	Interested	Interested	TOTAL
Core	Practice	in Practice	Next Cohort	Practice Area	Diploma	in Waiver	but	
Education	Area	Area	of Practice	Classes (Not	Privilege		Unable to	
	Classes	Classes	Area Classes	Yet Licensed)	(Licensing		Access	
	(First Time	(Auditing)			Pending)		Core	
	Students)						Education	
168	16	4	22	49	6	9	1	275

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 168 students currently working on the core education for the LLLT license.

COMPLETED PRACTICE AREA CLASSES

A total of 49 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.

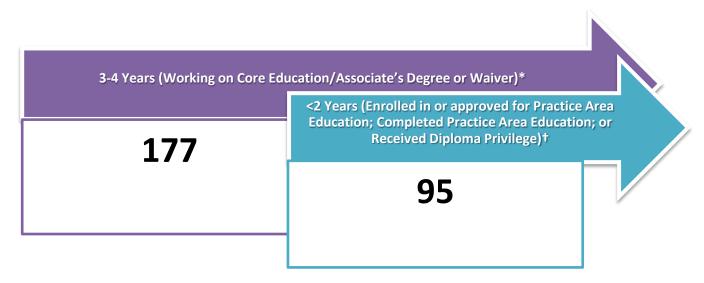
INTERESTED IN WAIVER

At least 9 candidates have contacted the WSBA recently with interest in applying for the limited time waiver, but most have not yet submitted an application. WSBA has received a total of 45 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 9 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.