

# Administrative Office of the Courts

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## MEMORANDUM

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TO: Supreme Court

FROM: James N. Ishida

DATE: June 16, 2017

RE: Proposed Licensed Paralegal Practitioner Rules (**INFORMATION**)

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This is an information item only. At its last several meetings, the Licensed Paralegal Practitioner (LPP) Steering Committee has reviewed and approved numerous sets of proposed rules and standards governing the education, testing, licensing, practice, and regulation of LPPs. Given the size of the rules package, these proposals are being presented to the Court as an information item only. It is intended that after an appropriate period of study, the proposals will be brought back as an action item at a future Supreme Court Conference.

In reviewing the rules package, please keep in mind the following guiding principles:

- LPP Rules Consistent with Attorney Rules. The proposed LPP rules are modeled after the applicable rules governing attorney conduct. In many instances, the LPP rules are a verbatim copy of the attorney rules. This was an intentional decision by the LPP Executive Committee to promote uniformity, consistency, clarity, and ease of interpretation.
- LPP Rules Systematically Reviewed and Approved. The proposed rules underwent a rigorous and systematic review-and-approval process. First, the proposed rules were carefully drafted and approved by subcommittees comprised of subject-matter experts. Next, the rules were reviewed by the LPP Executive Committee. Finally, the proposals were reviewed and approved by a plenary session of the LPP Steering Committee. In addition, the proposed LPP disciplinary rules underwent an exhaustive proofreading by multiple teams of Supreme Court law clerks and me.
- LPP Rules Shared with Outside Organizations. Lastly, the proposed rules and standards have been shared with outside organizations such as the National Center for State Courts, Utah State Bar, various educational institutions, and other states for use, review, and comment.

### Attachments

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