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## **Task Force on Delivery of Legal Services Update: Limited License Legal Practitioners and Alternative Business Structures**

PHOENIX – The Arizona Supreme Court’s Task Force on the Delivery of Legal Services [Report](#) from October of 2019 made recommendations to improve access to justice in Arizona. Rule changes related to two of the recommendations, the Limited License Legal Practitioners Program (commonly called LLLPs) and Alternative Business Structures, will be presented to the full court in August. Limited License Legal Practitioners would be nonlawyers who, after meeting specific educational requirements, would be trained and licensed for the limited practice of law. Rule changes authorizing Alternative Business Structures would allow lawyers and nonlawyers to have ownership interests in law firms, which is currently limited to licensed attorneys.

The Task Force filed a final amended rule petition proposal in June after two public comment periods. The Court’s first opportunity to act on the petition will be in August. At the August rules agenda, the Court may adopt the rules in full or in part, with or without modifications, or may defer related decisions and implementation until the Court’s December rules agenda. Because implementation of the proposals would require regulation structures and processes, two separate Arizona Code of Judicial Administration (ACJA) proposals, one for each program, have been posted and open to public comment during the same period as the rule petition. Any approved rule changes would require adoption by the Arizona Judicial Council of the proposed code sections before the programs could be initiated. As a result, neither program would likely start before 2021.

The Court established a contact page for individuals who are interested in either or both proposals. To receive information and updates on the Limited License Legal Practitioners Program, the Alternative Business Structures proposal, for links to the rule petitions, ACJA proposals, frequently asked questions and more, see <https://www.azcourts.gov/accesstolegalservices/>. To sign up for information and updates, complete the online form at <https://www.azcourts.gov/accesstolegalservices/Request>.

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