DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

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Civil Legal Regulatory Reform Task Force of the District of Columbia Courts

In an order issued July 19, 2023, the District of Columbia Courts established the Civil Legal Regulatory Reform Task Force. The Courts directed the Task Force to explore ways that nonlawyers could help to close the gap in access to justice among low- and moderate-income District of Columbia residents by providing civil legal services.

The Courts were partially responding to a draft report by a working group of what is now the D.C. Bar's Innovations in Legal Practice Committee ("D.C. Bar subcommittee") recommending that the Courts establish a program permitting trained and licensed nonlawyers to provide legal services in certain civil cases.

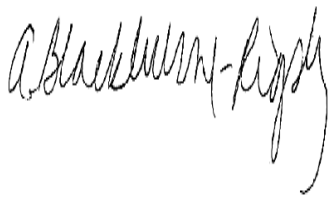
In response, the Courts directed the Task Force to study the D.C. Bar subcommittee's draft report, gather feedback from stakeholders, and prepare its own report recommending ways to address the gap in access to civil legal services.

The Task Force investigated the draft report's conclusions and recommendations, explored other states' nonlawyer assistance programs, and solicited feedback on its ideas from the D.C. community.

The Task Force has completed its report, which is attached. As was contemplated by the order creating the Task Force, the Courts hereby send the Task Force's report out for public comment, to give interested parties an opportunity to submit written comments concerning the report.

Comments must be submitted by October 31, 2025. Comments may be submitted electronically to clrrtaskforce@dccsystem.gov. Comments also may be submitted in writing addressed to the Executive Office of the D.C. Courts, ATTN: CLRRTF, 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Suite 6680, Washington, D.C. 20001. All comments submitted pursuant to this notice will be available to the public.

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