

PETITION...

To the Attorney General of Ontario, Chris Bentley, and the Law Society of Upper Canada:

When the Ontario Legislature passed the 'Access to Justice Act' in 2006 giving the Law Society the power to regulate paralegals in the public interest, and determine areas of allowable practice for paralegals, the Law Society responded by banning paralegals from helping the public in uncontested, simple family law matters.

We, the undersigned, petition the Attorney General of Ontario to exercise his powers as "Guardian of the Public Interest", by directing the Law Society and amending the 2006 legislation to provide full 'Public Access to Justice' as follows:

The Law Society shall immediately study how paralegals can once again assist the citizens of Ontario, especially those of low to moderate income, in certain family law matters. If the Law Society refuses to initiate an unbiased, balanced study, the Attorney General of Ontario shall act in the public interest and immediately introduce legislation directing the Law Society to enable paralegals to practice family law in uncontested, less complicated matters so that those who cannot afford the services of a lawyer can choose to hire a skilled, educated, and licensed paralegal to help them in such less complicated family law matters.

Name (printed)	Address (printed)	Signature

Return signed petition by February 15, 2011 by e-mail to PublicAccesstoJustice@gmail.com,
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