



Hon. Randall T. Shepard  
Chair, Future of Legal Education Task Force  
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**RE: AAfPE's Comments to the American Bar Association's Task Force on the Future of Legal Education and to the Chair of the American Bar Association's House of Delegates**

Dear Mr. Shepard:

The American Association for Paralegal Education (AAfPE) is the pre-eminent organization of paralegal educators and has been in existence since 1981. For more than 40 years, paralegal education programs have been approved by the American Bar Association (ABA) as a means to provide quality education for the non-lawyer professional. AAfPE applauds the findings of the task force and, in particular, the recognition that qualified, educated, and prepared non-lawyers can and should be able to provide limited legal services to the public without the oversight of a lawyer. Paralegal education is a valuable resource to provide alternatives to traditional law school education as articulated by the Task Force in its final draft to the ABA House of Delegates. Paralegal educators are capable, ready, and willing to train non-lawyer professionals in providing limited legal services, thereby assisting in granting better access to the justice system.

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