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**Arizona Code of Judicial Administration (ACJA) § 7-2-210: Legal Paraprofessional.
Proposal to Modify ACJA 7-210 to create a new endorsement type for legal
paraprofessionals, authorizing practice in juvenile law.**

Explanation of the need for the proposal:

Arizona has an immediate need for people experienced in juvenile dependencies to assist families and the courts with the timely processing of cases. Legal Paraprofessionals (LPs) have the potential to provide substantive and support services, allowing licensed attorneys to focus on contested adjudication and other matters.

Currently, the scope of practice in ACJA 7-210(F) limits LPs to providing services to the petitioner or intervenor and LPs may not conduct a contested dependency adjudication or a contested termination adjudication proceeding. Modifications to ACJA 7-210(E) to add the juvenile law endorsement, including subject matter educational and experience requirements, modeled after existing endorsement language, would authorize LPs to practice juvenile law and assist the state with processing juvenile dependency matters.

The Division recommends the modification of ACJA 7-210(E) to add the juvenile law endorsement.

Persons or entities affected if the proposal is adopted:

Legal Paraprofessionals regulated by the Arizona Supreme Court under ACJA §§ 7- 201, 7-210, and the rules of the Arizona Supreme Court, and the courts and clients they serve.