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Mattie Cohan, Esq.
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Re: Support for removal of the prohibition
On attorneys' fee claims

Dear Ms. Cohan:

I am writing in support of the Interim Final Rule published by LSC in the Federal Register on February 11, 2010, proposing to eliminate the Part 1642 restriction on legal services programs seeking or receiving attorneys' fees in litigation.

The change in regulations will greatly assist legal services programs in two ways: first, it will allow us to raise additional funds to support the work that we do on behalf of our low-income clients (the need for those services is dramatically high right now); and, second, it will expedite the resolution of a good number of our cases because, when opposing parties understand that they will have to pay attorneys' fees for violations of the Truth-In-Lending Act, for example, they have motivation to resolve those claims quickly (and to change any behavior that is in violation of the Act).

Our program greatly appreciates LSC's consideration of this change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Gregg Lombardi".

Gregg Lombardi

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