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Dear LMBA Members, Friends and Allies:

The Loren Miller Bar Association sends its condolences to the families of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Manuel Ellis, and all others affected by racism or police brutality. These senseless deaths, rising to the local and national consciousness in just the past few weeks, demonstrate in a brief spate of time what the Black community has long experienced in America.

To move past our current state of inequality there must be a concerted, unified and continuous effort. The war for equality has been a long one and it will not be won without constant vigilance and energy. As attorneys, we are charged with the responsibility to protect rights and dispel injustice. This charge has always been paramount — but it is critical in times like these.

This is a time for change and it is long overdue. We must seize this moment as the hearts and minds of our society have never been more open or receptive. In the march towards equality we encourage you to continue demanding meaningful change. As such, we support the Black Lives Matter movement and peaceful protests which fight for our civil rights. We encourage you to monitor our e-newsletters and the LMBA website for opportunities to stand with protestors and utilize our legal expertise through training, clinics, and pro bono representation.

Our organization was founded to confront institutionalized racism and we maintain our civil rights agenda. We continue to do this because the black community lives with a reality that everyone is not treated equally. Until racial equality is realized, we will fight.

In Solidarity,

President James F. Johnson and the LMBA Board

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