LETTER OF SOLIDARITY

The Immigration Law Society Executive Board stands in solidarity with Black communities across the country against police brutality and systemic racism. We are here for you, and we are listening. As we mourn the recent deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, and countless others who have lost their lives to abhorrent acts of violence against the Black community, we recognize that police brutality in this country is nothing new.

As Michelle Alexander wrote, “people of color — in this ‘land of the free’ forged through slavery and genocide — are regularly viewed and treated as the problem.” It is past time that we call out the real problem: institutionalized white supremacy. As an organization devoted to immigrant justice, we know that there will be no justice until the government terrorism of black and brown communities ends. We vow to use our platform to educate and promote dialogue surrounding the intersection of racism and immigration. We strive to affect real, lasting, systemic change, and we do not just stand against racism but vow to be actively anti-racist. We plead for all students at the University of San Diego School of Law and everyone in our communities to be actively anti-racist, not only on social media, but through their own actions and words every day.


In solidarity,
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