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### **APABA STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE BLACK COMMUNITY**

MIAMI, FL – The Asian Pacific American Bar Association of South Florida (APABA) is deeply saddened by the recent tragic and disturbing deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Taylor, as well as numerous incidents of explicit bigotry, bias, and brutality. APABA stands in solidarity with the Black community and all communities across the nation in calling for systemic accountability for racial injustices.

As Asian Americans, we recognize that our own fight for equality is a direct product of the struggles and strides of Black Americans. We recognize the generational failures of our government and criminal justice systems in protecting the constitutional and human rights afforded to Black Americans. We recognize and accept our collective responsibility to stand up for the Black community, challenge internalized bigotry, and be the partners and allies we are called to be. Discrimination against any group is discrimination against all groups.

APABA calls for systemic oversight and accountability for racial injustices and the implementation of reforms necessary to combat racial discrimination, implicit biases, and to heal the relationship between law enforcement and minority communities. As members of the Bar, when there is an imbalance of power, our understanding of the rule of law makes it even more critical that we stand strong against any form of injustice. We must address deeply rooted racism in our society and work to create trust and fairness in our legal system by addressing systemic bias in the law to safeguard civil rights, civil liberties, and justice for all individuals.

APABA stands in solidarity with the Black community and sister bar associations in speaking out against racism in all its forms and seeking justice and reform.

*Incorporated in 2004, APABA is a nonprofit, voluntary bar organization that serves Asian Pacific American attorneys and communities in Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties. The overriding mission of APABA is to combat discrimination against all minorities and to promote diversity in the legal profession.*