

*University of South Carolina Law Student Division of the  
South Carolina Chapter of the Federal Bar Association*

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Dear UofSC Law Community:

The Federal Bar Association University of South Carolina Student Division stands in solidarity with and support for The Matthew J. Perry Chapter of the Black Law Students Association at the University of South Carolina in condemning active and passive racism in the legal profession, and in speaking out against the pandemic of race based violence and police brutality perpetuated against black and brown communities in this country. We fully and unequivocally condemn racism, racial injustice, white nationalism, and white vigilantism.

The recent deaths of Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and George Floyd are three in a long line of institutionalized violence and disregard for black personhood. As aspiring federal practitioners, we are in a unique position to push for greater diversity, leadership, and accountability on a national level, and we hold ourselves accountable in pushing for those changes.

The Federal Bar Association Student Chapter is committed to addressing the lack of diversity, equity, inclusion, and understanding within the federal bar, while working with BLSA to understand how we can best support their mission.

We may not have the perfect words for today, as we see our country torn apart by the frustration and exhaustion that comes with fighting for equal access to justice, but we are committed to lifting up our black and brown colleagues in our quest to be better. Please join us in using your platform as student leaders and future leaders in the legal profession to do the same.

In Solidarity,

The 2020 Federal Bar Association University of South Carolina Student Division  
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