

# Corporate and Tax Law Society

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The Corporate and Tax Law Society (CTLS) at the University of Houston Law Center stands in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter Movement, The Black Law Student Association, and the Black community as a whole. We condemn the recent unjustified murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and too many others, at the hands of law enforcement, as well as the historical and continued racial oppression faced by the Black community in the United States. We share in the grief and anger caused by these unjustified killings, we mourn their deaths, and we offer our most heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the victims.

As America nears its 244<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a nation, these events remind us that there is considerable work to be done to eradicate systemic racism and ensure equality for Black people and People of Color. We pledge to promote diversity and inclusion within our organization and to continue the conversation of how we can effect meaningful change.

We are encouraged by the numerous statements of solidarity from the University of Houston, the Law Center, and the student organizations at the Law Center. As others have noted, we as legal professionals and law students have a unique perspective and ability to recognize, end, and prevent racial discrimination, especially in the criminal justice system and our workplaces. We believe this is the time for the Houston legal community to come together, demand change, and fight racial injustice.

We must take responsibility. We must do better. Black Lives Matter.

In Solidarity,

*Corporate and Tax Law Society at the University of Houston Law Center*

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