

In light of the murder of George Floyd and subsequent police violence against protestors, the Public Interest Law Organization expresses solidarity with the Black Law Students Association and the Black Lives Matter movement at large. As future lawyers, judges, advocates, and professionals, we recognize our responsibility to be actively anti-racist in order to change a system that has been broken for too long.

While the officers responsible for Floyd's death were charged and arrested, oppression against people of color runs much deeper than any single act of violence. Floyd is just one of many black individuals who have been victims of racial injustice, police brutality, and social inequity. A few of the names we should not forget include Tony McDade, Breonna Taylor, Michael Ramos, and Ahmaud Arbery. In standing with the BLM movement, we also mourn these tragic losses of life.

As an organization of students passionate about pursuing public interest through the law, we recognize that our justice system is founded on racial inequalities that have persisted for decades. To all persons of color within the UHLC community, please let us know how we can support you during this time. We pledge to work on our own biases, to educate others and learn how we can better fight for change, and to listen to our communities of color.

In Solidarity,

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