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**NEW ORLEANS BAR ASSOCIATION STATEMENT ON SOCIAL JUSTICE BY
PRESIDENT JAMES C. GULOTTA**

NEW ORLEANS - The New Orleans Bar Association joins our colleagues of the Louisiana State Bar Association, The Greater New Orleans Chapter of the Louis A. Martinet Society and many members of our profession in expressing profound sorrow upon witnessing the suffering and death of George Floyd. We are sobered to be reminded of the discrimination and abuse experienced by African Americans at the hands of law enforcement and the justice system.

We in New Orleans share a very acute perspective on the histories of both racism and racial advancement. We were the site of slave auctions, the atrocities of the White League, Jim Crow, and the miscarriage of *Plessy v. Ferguson*. We also witnessed the courage of a very young Ruby Bridges, the courtroom victories of A.P. Tureaud and Thurgood Marshall, the steadfastness of the judges of the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and, more recently, the implementation of a voluntary consent decree governing the activities of our police department.

Justice is the work of us all. The commitment of the New Orleans Bar Association to the promotion of justice requires us to renew our pledge to be part of that work.

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About New Orleans Bar Association

Since 1924, the New Orleans Bar Association has represented the interests of lawyers and judges in the New Orleans area.