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**MCCA’s Statement on George Floyd**

The recent events in our country have been disturbing and disappointing as we continue to weather the pandemic. As lawyers of leading corporations and law firms, we are often the voice of reason to ensure that rights of everyday individuals are protected and that everyone has an opportunity to succeed in our great nation. Moreover, we advocate for a just system that will protect and provide every American free from harm no matter the color of their skin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, religion and disability. It is not a perfect system and we are witnessing the imperfections more each day and most recently in the death of George Floyd, an unarmed African American man in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mr. Floyd died while handcuffed as the police officer kneeled on his neck for approximately eight minutes. Unfortunately, this scene has been repeated far too often in our nation’s past. As lawyers, we understand the importance of due process, but are asking for the government officials and law enforcement agencies to collaborate and investigate swiftly to bring justice and most importantly to find solutions to this widening divide in our community. We are asking leaders to come together and denounce racism and hate by listening to the communities who have been deeply wounded by not only this recent tragic death but generations of hate. We need our leaders to come together with an open mind to listen.

We are asking for systemic reform that will eradicate similar tragic deaths from happening again to our brothers and sisters, to our friends, neighbors and colleagues. We are asking those agencies who protect citizens to ensure that all citizens be protected equally.

We ask you to rise united with MCCA and stand up against social injustice.

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