



Austin Asian American Bar Association (AAABA) Resolution

AAABA's Leadership Council and Officers held meetings to consider online commentary posted by State Bar of Texas (SBOT) President Larry McDougal and other SBOT officers and directors and to discuss how to respond to these statements.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the SBOT's mission is to "support the administration of the legal system, assure all citizens equal access to justice, foster high standards of ethical conduct for lawyers, enable its members to better serve their clients and the public, educate the public about the rule of law, and promote diversity in the administration of justice and the practice of law."

WHEREAS, the SBOT's Board of Directors met on July 27, 2020 to discuss how to respond to the aforementioned online commentary and the creation of the SBOT Task Force on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

WHEREAS, AAABA's mission is to represent and advocate on a local level the interests of Asian-American attorneys and their communities; to foster the exchange of ideas and information among and between AAABA members and other members of the legal profession, the judiciary and the legal community; to encourage and promote the professional growth of the AAABA members; to facilitate client referrals and to broaden professional opportunities for Asian-American lawyers and law students; to provide an opportunity for fellowship among AAABA's members; to develop and encourage cooperation with other organizations of minority attorneys; to provide a resource for legal services, whether pro bono or otherwise, to the local Asian-American community or other communities in need.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that to repair the damage caused to the legal community in Texas SBOT President Larry McDougal voluntarily resign if he is unwilling to change and take the necessary steps to become an anti-racist.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that SBOT President Larry McDougal acknowledge that he has read Supreme Court's decision in *Minnesota Voters Alliance v. Mansky*, 138 S.Ct. 1876, 201 L.Ed 201 (2018) on the polling issue and understands the holding in this case.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that SBOT President Larry McDougal affirm that he has read and will abide by the Texas Lawyers Creed, and acknowledge that his comments have not met the highest principles of professionalism required of him as a lawyer.

Issued this 26th day of August 2020

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