



## **Joint Statement from Bar Organizations in Support of the Rule of Law**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

We the undersigned bar organizations stand together with and in support of the American Bar Association (ABA) to defend the rule of law and reject efforts to undermine the courts and the legal profession.

In particular, as outlined by the ABA:

We endorse the sentiments expressed by the chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court in his 2024 Year End Report on the Federal Judiciary, “[w]ithin the past year we have also seen the need for state and federal bar associations to come to the defense of a federal district judge whose decisions in a high-profile case prompted an elected official to call for her impeachment. Attempts to intimidate judges for their rulings in cases are inappropriate and should be vigorously opposed.”

We support the right of people to advance their interests in courts of law when they have been wronged. We reject the notion that the U.S. government can punish lawyers and law firms who represent certain clients or punish judges who rule certain ways. We cannot accept government actions that seek to twist the scales of justice in this manner.

We reject efforts to undermine the courts and the profession. We will not stay silent in the face of efforts to remake the legal profession into something that rewards those who agree with the government and punishes those who do not. Words and actions matter. And the intimidating words and actions we have heard and seen must end. They are designed to cow our country’s judges, our country’s courts and our legal profession.

There are clear choices facing our profession. We can choose to remain silent and allow these acts to continue or we can stand for the rule of law and the values we hold dear. We call upon the entire profession, including lawyers in private practice from Main Street to Wall Street, as well as those in corporations and who serve in elected positions, to speak out against intimidation.

If lawyers do not speak, who will speak for our judges? Who will protect our bedrock of justice? If we do not speak now, when will we speak? Now is the time. That is why we stand together with the ABA in support of the rule of law.



*American Bar Association*  
*Alameda County (California) Bar Association*  
*Alexandria (Virginia) Bar Association*  
*Allegheny County Bar Association*  
*(Pennsylvania)*  
*Association of Professional Responsibility*  
*Lawyers*  
*Bar Association of Erie County (New York)*  
*Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis*  
*Berks County (Pennsylvania) Bar Association*  
*Boston Bar Association*  
*Boulder County (Colorado) Bar Association*  
*Chicago Bar Association*  
*Chicago Council of Lawyers*  
*Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association*  
*Columbus (Ohio) Bar Association*  
*Connecticut Bar Association*  
*Contra Costa (California) County Bar*  
*Association*  
*Detroit Bar Association and Foundation*  
*Erie County (Pennsylvania) Bar Association*  
*First Judicial District Bar Association*  
*(Colorado)*  
*Hennepin County (Minnesota) Bar Association*  
*Hispanic National Bar Association*  
*Hudson County (New Jersey) Bar Association*  
*Illinois State Bar Association*  
*Kansas Bar Association*  
*Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association*  
*Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Foundation*  
*Lawyers Club of San Diego*  
*Long Beach (California) Bar Association*  
*Louisville Bar Association*  
*Maine State Bar Association*  
*Middlesex County (New Jersey) Bar Association*  
*Milwaukee Bar Association*  
*Minnesota State Bar Association*  
*Monroe County (New York) Bar Association*  
*Nassau County (New York) Bar Association*  
*National Asian Pacific American Bar*  
*Association*  
*National Association of Women Lawyers*  
*National Conference of Bar Presidents*  
*National LGBTQ+ Bar Association*  
*National Native American Bar Association*  
*New Jersey Women Lawyers Association*  
*New Mexico Black Lawyers Association*  
*New York City Bar Association*  
*New York County Lawyers Association*  
*North County (California) Bar Association*  
*Board of Governors of the Oregon State Bar*  
*Passaic County (New Jersey) Bar Association*  
*Philadelphia Bar Association*  
*Queens County (New York) Bar Association*  
*Ramsey County (Minnesota) Bar Association*  
*San Diego County Bar Association*  
*San Fernando Valley (California) Bar*  
*Association*  
*Santa Clara County Bar Association*  
*(California)*  
*South Asian Bar Association of North America*  
*State Bar of New Mexico*  
*Virgin Islands Bar Association*  
*Board of Governors of the Washington State Bar*  
*Association*  
*Worcester County (Massachusetts) Bar*  
*Association*